

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary
“Appalachian Sunrise”

Cam Bishop, Piano
Joseph Martin

*“He is like the light of morning at sunrise...
2 Samuel 23:4*

Call to Worship

Freeda Chapman

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouths shall sing forth your praise.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord’s name be praised.

* Hymn of Praise No. 145
“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Bless us, O God,
with a reverent sense of your presence,
that we may be at peace
and may worship you with all our mind and spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Safe Within Your Arms”

Catherine Gardner, Soprano

Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

Psalm 105:1-11

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!
Sing to the Lord, sing praises!
Tell of all God's wonderful works!
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek the Lord's presence continually!
Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

The Lord is our God,
whose judgments are in all the earth.
**The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,**
the covenant made with Abraham,
his promise sworn to Isaac,
and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,
**“To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.”**

* Hymn No. 733

“Marching to Zion”

MARCHING TO ZION

Old Testament Reading

Freeda Chapman

Numbers 13 (NLT) (Selected Verses)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Once Upon a Time: Bible Stories You Need to Know

“Spies Explore the Promised Land”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of our Gifts

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 529
“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary
“Promised Land”

Joseph Martin

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Pianist
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Freeda Chapman, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Jake Jamison, Crucifer
Olivia Mann & Matt Newberry, Candelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
Ed and Pree Sell and Clyde and Bettie Smith
by Ed and Lenore Sell.*

Today's Sermon

Once Upon a Time: Bible Stories You Need to Know
"Spies Explore the Promised Land"

Today's Scripture

Numbers 13 (NLT) (Selected Verses)

1 The LORD now said to Moses, 2 "Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes." 3 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He sent out twelve men, all tribal leaders of Israel, from their camp in the wilderness of Paran...

25 After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned 26 to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land. 27 This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.

28 But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified...

30 But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" 31 But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" 32 So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge.

33 We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and click on "Listen" on top right.*

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.*

Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*