

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

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



Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

\* Hymn Medley

Fifth Sunday

**There's within my heart a melody,  
Jesus whispers sweet and low:  
Fear not I am with thee,  
Peace be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.**

*Refrain:*

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.**

**All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,  
discord filled my heart with pain;  
Jesus swept across the broken strings,  
stirred the slumbering chords again. *Refrain.***

**What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,  
since Jesus came into my heart,  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
since Jesus came into my heart.**

*Refrain.*

**Since Jesus came into my heart,  
since Jesus came into my heart.  
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.**

**I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.  
And my sins, which were many are all washed away,  
Since Jesus came into my heart. *Refrain.***

Act of Praise  
“Cuando El Pobre”

Fifth Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
William August Rogers  
Son of John and Marlina Rogers

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and include William now before you  
in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.  
We will surround William  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that he may grow in his trust of God,  
and be found faithful in his service to others.  
We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,  
We commend William to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith,  
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Prayer Hymn No. 405  
“Seek Ye First”

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

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**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.**

Old Testament Reading

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”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Closing Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

THE ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**The law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving;  
to God in the highest hosanna and praise!**

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*

*Fifth Sunday:*

*Johnny Hathcock  
Barbara Henley  
Sam Lamback  
Sean McCarty  
Jerry Stinchcomb  
Lynneth Whitten*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
by the Mulberry Flower Guild.*

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**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](http://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**

*If you would like to have a copy of  
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,  
please see an usher.*