

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering and Greeting Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary Cam Bishop, Organ
Prelude on Early American Tune FOUNDATION R. Powell

Call to Worship Amy Griffith Dever

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**Teach me your way, O Lord;
and lead me on a level path.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 529 FOUNDATION
"How Firm a Foundation"

* Opening Prayer Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

In you, O God, is our hope.

In you is our strength.

And so we worship you.

And so we seek you.

May our restless spirits find their rest in you.

May our hurting spirits find their balm in you.

May our hungering spirits find in you
their strength,

their sustenance.

May we who seek, find.

May we who hunger, be filled. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Act of Praise
“Wayfarin’ Stranger”

Barbara Altman, Cello
arr. Michael Larkin

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children’s church at this time.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Amy Griffith Dever

Our Lord and our God,
now as we hear your Word,
fill us with your Spirit.
Soften our hearts
that we may delight in your presence.
Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth.
Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 17 (NLT) (selected verses)

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Once Upon a Time...
Bible Stories You Need to Know:
Revolutionary Courage: David & Goliath

Sung Response to the Word

*The congregation may join in singing
the refrain as directed.*

Caroline Perkins, Soloist

**Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
and be of good courage, for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
and rejoice, for the victory is yours.**

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

"We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"
Early American Tune DISTRESS from Sacred Harp

Cam Bishop
Robert Powell

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

* The Great Thanksgiving

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Sung responses - Congregation echoes the leader.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion will be served by intinction.

The altar is open for prayer.

Please let an usher know

if you need to be served in your pew

Music at Communion

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"Salvation"

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

"Ashokan Farewell"

Barbara Altman, Cello

Eugenia Rocherolle

David Schelat

Robert Lowry

Jay Ungar

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of grace,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love

and help us to serve you and each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 129

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present
for him in the world this week.*

Voluntary on the Early American Tune PISGAH Dale Wood

* Benediction

Rev Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

*In honor of our national holiday, much of the music
in today's service is based on hymns and songs
associated with early America.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Amy Griffith Dever, Lay Reader*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Otis Benton Gunn,
and son, Otis Walton Gunn, by Mrs. Jeanette Gunn.*

Communion Offering

*Today's communion offering will go to Vashti Ministries
for children, youth and families.*

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*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.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 9:1-13

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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