

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

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



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

Prelude on Early American Tune FOUNDATION R. Powell

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 529

“How Firm a Foundation”

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\* 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.**

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

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

**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

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 129  
"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

FESTAL SONG

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

**Communion Offering**

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

**Gospel Reading for the Week**

*Mark 9:1-13*

**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.*

## **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  
so that we can share with you about what's happening  
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.  
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*