

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

We have been called to walk the faithful road
and choose the way of God.

**We are here to proclaim our faith
and seek direction along this faith journey.**

Come together, then, to be God’s people.

We will walk together with God as our guide.

* Entrance Hymn No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

You are the guide and guardian of our journeys.

We thank you that you never forsake us,
that you never stop loving us.

Trusting in your unfailing love,
we have gathered to worship and praise you.

Through your Holy Spirit, touch us, renew us,
comfort us, challenge us;

for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Act of Praise
"Be Thou My Vision"

Ainsworth Choir
Claude Bass

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
(Ancient Irish prayer)*

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.*

* Hymn No. 383

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"
(Stanzas 1-4)

BEGINNINGS

Celebration of Appointments to Mulberry Street UMC

Rader Sellers:

Dear friends, today we welcome Jimmy Towson,
who has been appointed
to serve as our Senior Pastor.

We also welcome back Tommy Perkins and Bill Culpepper,
who have been reappointed to serve
as our Associate Pastors.

Jimmy and Tommy,
you have been sent to live among us as
bearers of the Word of God,
ministers of the Sacraments,
and sustainers of the love, order,
and discipleship of the people of God.

Jimmy and Tommy respond:

Today we reaffirm this commitment
in the presence of this congregation.

Rader Sellers to congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
and your service,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Jimmy and Tommy
in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts,
service and witness.**

Jimmy Towson:

Let us pray together.

**Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us
in our ministries together.
Give us patience, courage, and wisdom
so to care for one another
and challenge one another
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,
living together in love,
and offering our gifts and talents in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A Sung Response of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Gospel Lesson

Melinda Powell

John 1: 35-39a (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“The Journey Begins”

A Sung Response to the Word

“The Summons”

KELVINGROVE

Congregation sings the final stanza as directed.

Sarah Kate Sellers, Soloist

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“The Master Has Come”

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Joseph Martin

* Hymn of Response

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship

“We are Travelers on a Journey”

BEACH SPRING

**We are travelers on a journey,
fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

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* 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.*

“When In Our Music God is Glorified” (Finale) M. Burkhardt

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

***Reception to welcome Jimmy and Debbie Towson
will be in the Courtyard
immediately following the 11:00 am service.***



*Rev Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Melinda Powell, Lay Reader
Rader Sellers, Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Ames Jamison, Crucifer
Ben Jamison & Jake Jamison, Candlelighters*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wendell Wright Barnes by his children, grand-children and great-grandchildren.

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 8:1-10

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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