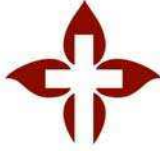


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



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

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.

* Hymn of Praise 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

* Opening Prayer

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....

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise

"Be Thou My Vision"

Katie Trotter, Soprano

arr. Paul S Jones

*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)

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.**

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.**

* Gospel Lesson

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”

* 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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* Benediction

* *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
Rader Sellers, Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents, Jean and Hall Roddenbery,
and our grandmother, Nell Burney,
by Joy R. Amerson and Burney R. Ingle.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 8:1-10

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.*