

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 19, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Gary Dunn

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea;**
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
God’s voice resounds, the earth melts.
**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

* Opening Prayer

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.**

Act of Praise
“Psalm 23”

Ainsworth Choir and Congregation
Phillip R. Dietterich

Congregation sings the refrain as directed.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children’s Moments

Holly Driggers

Children are invited to meet Holly on the chancel steps.

K-4 and K-5 children will leave for

Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.

* Hymn No. 521

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

SOJOURNER

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-8, 16-18 (NLT)

Gary Dunn

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Summer Road Trip: “Detours”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY IN ORLANDO

* A Hymn for Orlando

EBENEZER

**To a place of celebration filled with laughter, dancing, joy,
Came such violent devastation – one man’s efforts to destroy.
God, we grieve for loved ones taken; we lament, “What can we do?”
Now, we’re feeling lost and shaken; heal our nation! Make us new!**

**Weapons kill – and so does silence; hear our prayer as we confess:
We have given in to violence, we have bowed to hopelessness.
God, we’ve lost our sense of vision of a world where there will be
Plowshares made from violent weapons, justice in society.**

**Give us love to change our vision; give us love to cast out fear.
Give us love to speak with wisdom – love to work for justice here.
Give us love to welcome difference – love no hatred can destroy.
Only love can stop the violence; only love will bring back joy.**

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering of our Gifts

Lynneth Whitten, Soprano

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
Oh Master, grant that I may never seek so much
to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

* Hymn of Response

TERRA BEATA

**This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns, let the earth be glad!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship 673

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Gordon Young

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Gary Dunn, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Caroline Dunn, Crucifer
Cooper Baskette & Matt Newberry, Candlelighters

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband Wilton E. Foster
and her sister Esther Ussery
and in honor of the fathers
at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
by June Foster.

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Today's Sermon

Summer Road Trip: "Detours"

Today's Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:7-8; 16-18 (NLT)

⁷We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

⁸We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.

¹⁶That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at 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

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