

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 5, 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

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Call to Worship

Jack Head

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.  
**We come seeking the awareness of God's presence  
as we travel.**  
We come seeking light for our darkness,  
strength in our weakness.  
**Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O Thou, from whom to be turned is to fall,  
to whom to be turned is to rise,  
and in whom to stand is to abide, for ever.  
Grant us in all our duties thy help,  
in all our perplexities thy guidance,  
in all our dangers thy protection,  
and in all our sorrows thy peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(St. Augustine)*

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Ainsworth Choir

David M. Kellermeyer

*Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

*Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.  
Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me.*

***Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for  
children's church after the Act of Praise.***

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jack Head

Exodus 12:11-13; 28-33 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Summer Road Trip: The Preparations

\* Hymn of Preparation for the Table No. 616

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

HURSLEY

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

# **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

\* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*Sung responses – Congregation echoes the cantor.*  
*Caroline Perkins, Cantor*

**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

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.*  
*After receiving communion,*  
*you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.*  
*Please let an usher know*  
*if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Tommy Perkins

**Eternal God,**  
**we thank you for this holy mystery**  
**in which you have given yourself to us.**  
**Grant that we may go into the world**  
**in the strength of your Spirit**  
**to give ourselves for others;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 557  
"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" DENNIS

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Closing Voluntary Richard Gress

\* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Jack Head, Lay Reader*  
*Lisa E. Shepard, Conductor*  
*Carol Head, Bread Baker*  
*Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Lay Communion Servers*  
*Sara Kate Sellers, Lead Acolyte*  
*Savannah Stone, Commuion Steward*  
*Micah Johnston, Crucifer*  
*Grahan Johnston & Alex Stone, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Kennington  
by John & Charlotte Kennington.*

## **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.*

**Today's Sermon**

Summer Road Trip: The Preparations

**Today's Scripture**

Exodus 12:11-13; 28-33 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup> On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! <sup>13</sup> But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>28</sup> So the people of Israel did just as the LORD had commanded through Moses and Aaron. <sup>29</sup> And that night at midnight, the LORD struck down all the firstborn sons in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn son of the prisoner in the dungeon. Even the firstborn of their livestock were killed. <sup>30</sup> Pharaoh and all his officials and all the people of Egypt woke up during the night, and loud wailing was heard throughout the land of Egypt. There was not a single house where someone had not died.

<sup>31</sup> Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron during the night. “Get out!” he ordered. “Leave my people—and take the rest of the Israelites with you! Go and worship the LORD as you have requested. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and herds, as you said, and be gone. Go, but bless me as you leave.” <sup>33</sup> All the Egyptians urged the people of Israel to get out of the land as quickly as possible, for they thought, “We will all die!”

**Sermon Notes**

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