

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 5, 2016*

*Nine O'clock*



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

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading  
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

Invitation to the Table Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

\* 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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,  
we thank you that you have fed us  
in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
in your eternal kingdom.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 557  
“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

## **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**

*If you would like to have a copy of  
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,  
please see an usher.*

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
June 6, 2016*

**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**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and click on “Listen” on top right.*