

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13, 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

“O God, Thou Faithful God” (Var. 1 & 2)

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Karen Carter

Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God’s holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night,
but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

* Entrance Hymn No. 529

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

O God,

in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair,
growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,

and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
“God So Loved the World”

Ainsworth Choir
John Stainer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Adelyn Rose Grant
Daughter of Carey Grant and Rosemary Dann

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include Adelyn now before you
in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Adelyn
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.
We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Adelyn to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love’s expression,
love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

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.*

Psalm 126 with Musical Response 2

Hymnal 847

Old Testament Reading

Karen Carter

Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Right Around the Corner”

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Offering of our Gifts

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Harry Rowe Shelley
Caroline Perkins & Lynneth Whitten, Sopranos

* Hymn of Response No. 298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

J. S. Bach

* 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

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Karen Carter, Lay Reader

Sara Kate Sellers, Lead Acolyte

Caroline Dunn, Crucifer

Austin Carter & Graham Johnston, Candlelighter

Davis Uren, Baptismal Pitcher Carrier

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mildred and E. L. Brooking
by Jimmy and Jean Weatherford.*

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.*

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Today's Sermon
“Right Around the Corner”

Today's Scripture
Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

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.*