

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Opening Voluntary
"Nocturne"

Lilly Mauti, Flute
Philippe Gaubert

Call to Worship

Gary Dunn

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
**You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;**
You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
**Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 188

"Christ is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

* Opening Prayer

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

O God,
in these perplexing days we ask
that you would increase our faith;
that you would enlarge our capacity to forgive;
that you would guide our stumbling feet
in the way that leads to life.
Forgive us when we are tempted to give up,
and sustain us in the journey toward the cross.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Mack Wilberg

Adrian Gnam, Oboe Lilly Mauti, Flute

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Harris Matthews Allen

Son of Robbie & Marie Allen

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 Harris 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 Harris

**with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

* Commendation and Welcome (*congregation stands*)

Members of the household of God,
We commend Harris to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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 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 and Response

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.*

* Hymn No. 292

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:37-44

Gary Dunn

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

"Giving Up Enemies"

Prayer

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.**

Offering of our Gifts

"The Narrow Way"

Adele Bauman, Mezzo Soprano

K. Lee Scott

*Be near me, Lord, where-e'er I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what-e'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.
Prevent me, lest I harbor pride,
Lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness,
let me see I have my pow'r, my all in thee.
Assist and teach me how to pray;
Incline my nature to obey;
What you abhor, oh, let me flee,
And only love what pleases thee.
Be near me, Lord, where-e'er I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what-e'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.
(Words by John Cennick, 1718-1755)*

* Hymn of Response

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

**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

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 730

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

ST. MICHAEL

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Solemn Melody”

Walford Davies

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

Ainsworth Choir Conductor, Lisa Shepard

Gary Dunn, Lay Reader

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Micah Johnston, Acolyte

John Morgan Manley, Crucifer

Cooper Baskette & Isabella Ewing, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of J. V. “Buncie”
and Mary Miller Skinner family.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Elizabeth Hayes Peterson, daughter of Tommy & Libby Peterson
born on March 15, 2017.*

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Today's Sermon
"Giving Up Enemies"

Today's Scripture
Luke 19:37-44

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"^[a]

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

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.*