

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Opening Voluntary

“Sonata No. 3 in A Major:
Andante Tranquillo”

Richard Gress
Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

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.**

* 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.**

* 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

Adele Bauman, Mezzo Soprano

“The Narrow Way”

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)*

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

* 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.**

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:37-44

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Giving Up Enemies”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 730

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

ST. MICHAEL

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of his parents, William and Miriam Julius,
who were born on the same day in 1917
by Denny and Julie Julius.*

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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,
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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.*