

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

Resurrection of the Lord

*Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our risen Lord be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Voluntary

“Carillon de Westminster”

Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as his own.
He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* Entrance Hymn No. 302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
(stanzas 1-4)

EASTER HYMN

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O living Lord,

on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst
of your disciples as the conqueror of sin and death
and spoke to them your peace.

Come to us, we pray, in your risen power
and make us glad with your presence,
and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may be strong to serve you
and spread abroad your good news,
for the glory of your great name. **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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives*

Ainsworth Choir

Beethoven

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*All children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
Kids age 6 and under will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

* Hymn No. 311

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

FRENCH CAROL

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Lifted Up from the Earth"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Musical Reflection

"Dogwoods a'Bloomin'"

Robin and Bill Wolaver

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Adele Baumann, Alto Peter Schultz, Tenor

Sarah Abbott, Violin Lukas Shroust, Viola

Mary Grace Bender, Cello

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Offering of our Gifts

"This Joyful Eastertide"

David Cherwien

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 327
“Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

Go forth in joy to love and serve God
in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

* Response of Joy Ainsworth Choir
“Hallelujah” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Closing Voluntary
“Toccata” (from *Symphony V*,) Charles-Marie Widor
(The congregation is invited to be seated for the closing voluntary.)

* 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
David Keith, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Emma Johnston, Crucifer
Will Smith, Banner Bearer
Sara Kate Sellers, Paschal Candle
Maddie McClure & Elizabeth Sellers, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.*

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

“Lifted Up from the Earth”

Today's Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (NLT)

24 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.”

⁸ Then they remembered that he had said this. ⁹ So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. ¹¹ But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. ¹² However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

Sermon Notes

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