

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

Resurrection of the Lord

*Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016
Nine 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.**

Act of Praise

“Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives*

Ainsworth Choir

Beethoven

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

**Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord,
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Musical Reflection

“Dogwoods a’Bloomin’”

Robin and Bill Wolaver

Katie Trotter, Soprano
Adele Baumann, Alto Peter Schultz, Tenor
Sarah Abbott, Violin Lukas Shrout, 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!**

* Gospel Lesson

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Luke 24:1-12

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Lifted Up from the Earth”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

* Hymn of Resurrection Joy 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.

Organ Dismissal

“Toccata” (Symphony V)

Widor

* *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*

*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.
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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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