

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

Held

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.
**We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Almighty God,
your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.
Give us grace to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

“Giving Up Control”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal Page 13

(Communion responses are spoken.)

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 438
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

DUKE STREET

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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Today's Sermon
"Giving Up Control"

Today's Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17 NLT

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Matthew 4:1-11 NLT

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. 3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" 8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." 10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Sermon Notes

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