

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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* Opening Prayer

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

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children
you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world.
Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil
that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation.
Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation
to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life.
And give us a true longing to be free from sin,
through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Psalm 32

Hymnal 766

Old Testament Reading
Joshua 5: 9-12 (NIV)

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Homily
“Fresh Produce”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

(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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

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“For the Fruits of This Creation”

**For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

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

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*

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Today's Sermon
"Fresh Produce"

Today's Scriptures
Joshua 5: 9-12 (NIV)

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal^[a] to this day.

¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹ The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹² The manna stopped the day after^[b] they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

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.

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, March 6

- 9:00 am Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:40 am Godly Play (Children's interactive Sunday School) – 2nd floor
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm *Anchored* (6th – 12th grade) – Youth Room
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Class – Youth Room

Tuesday, March 8

- 8:30 am Prayer Group, all are welcome – Prayer Room
- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Parlor

Wednesday, March 9

- 4:30 pm UMW Board Meeting in Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
 - Menu: Baked Spaghetti
 - Program: Park's Pickers
 - Children & Youth programs begin at 6:10 pm
- 7:14 pm Ainsworth Choir Practice in Choir Room 2nd floor

Thursday, March 10

- 12:00 pm Young at Heart Luncheon in Fellowship Hall