

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

Donald Busarow

Call to Worship

Martin Magda

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”

CWM RHONDDA

* 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.**

Act of Praise
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Ainsworth Choir
Arnold Sherman

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit,
a holy spirit in me.
Cast me not from thy presence,
but renew a right spirit within me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy loving spirit.
Psalm 51: 10-12

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for
children’s church after the Act of Praise.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Psalm 32

Hymnal 766

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

Martin Magda

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Charles Callahan

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

* The Great Thanksgiving
Musical Setting A

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The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
The altar is open for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

Congregational Hymns during Communion:

No. 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 292 What Wondrous Love is This

No. 261 Lord of the Dance

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

SENDING FORTH

* 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.**

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary

“Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA”

Paul Manz

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *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

Eldon Lundin, Conductor

Martin Magda, Lay Reader

Carol Pope, Bread Baker

Allison & Jason Hawkins, Communion Servers

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

Conner Hefner, Crucifer

Savannah Stone, Communion Steward

Ben Jamison & Alex Stone, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Yates, Sr.*

and

Mary Jean Yates

by

Charles H. Yates, Jr.

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
"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
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