

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015
Eleven O'clock*

Entrance and Praise

Greeting

Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

Cam Bishop

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

John Ferguson

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

O magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of Love, we pray you to give us love;
love in our thinking,
love in our speaking,
love in our doing,
and love in the hidden places of our souls;
love of our neighbors near and far;
love of our friends, old and new;
love of those with whom we find it hard to bear,
and love of those who find it hard to bear with us;
love in joy, love in sorrow;
love in life, and love in death;
that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you,
who art eternal Love. **Amen.**

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory is chanted above the heavens

by the mouths of babes and infants:

**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars which you have established:

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

and mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands:

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Act of Praise

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Ainsworth Choir

Tom Mitchell

Celebration of New Life

Recognition of Our Infants

Pam Johnston

Bethany Claire Borage – May 29th, 2014
Daughter of Jason and Jennifer Borage

Avery Hollis Bozant – January 29th, 2015
Daughter of Chad and Whitney Bozant

Brayden Thomas Burke – March 4th, 2015
Son of Denise Hutcheson and Morgan Burke

Arden Joanna Culpepper – May 8th, 2014
Daughter of Bill and Lindsey Culpepper

Adelyn Rose Dann – March 2nd, 2015
Daughter of Rosemary Dann

Payton Jennings Finney – May 26th, 2014
Son of Tim and Laura Finney

Thomas Casey Gardner – February 23rd, 2015
Son of Casey and Catherine Gardner

Emma Jewel Heuman – November 10th, 2014
Daughter of Nick and Ashley Heuman

Hattie Ann Lewis – January 15th, 2015
Daughter of Jon and Rachel Lewis

Olivia Eugenia Mayfield – January 6th, 2015
Daughter of Nash and Elizabeth Mayfield

John Oliver McMullen – August 25th, 2014
Son of Ian and Ruth McMullen

Mack Bird Minton IV – August 8th, 2014
Son of Reeves and Julie Minton

Jameson Walden Weatherford – June 28th, 2014
Son of Jamie and Jessica Weatherford

Call to Thanksgiving

Rev. Tommy Mason

As the family of God
we rejoice in God's gift of life
through the miracle of birth.
We join with these families,
as their extended family here at Mulberry,
in embracing these children
with open arms,
just as Jesus welcomed little children,
and their parents with grace and blessing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we give you thanks for your presence with us
in the presence of these children and families.
We celebrate that your abounding love
is already at work in these families.
Strengthen us to be the Body of Christ
that together,
we all may be formed
into the very image of our Risen Lord;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of God's Love No. 191
"Jesus Loves Me"

JESUS LOVES ME

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children's church at this time.*

Proclamation and Response

New Testament Lesson
1 John 4:7-21

Kelly Stone

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

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

We Believe: The Truth About Perfection!

Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

Offering of our Gifts
"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

Katie Trotter, Soprano
K. Lee Scott

* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, 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. Tommy Perkins

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 560

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

ACCEPTANCE

* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present for him
in the world this week.*

“Toccata” – Theodore Dubois

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Eldon Lundin, Conductor

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Kelly Stone, Lay Reader

Trey Powell, Lead Acolyte

Will Smith, Crucifer

Hayden Martin and Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her family by Mrs. Virginia Witherington.*

Gospel Reading for the Week
Mark 6 30-44

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List
*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events
and Prayer List is located in the
Registration Pads on your pew.*

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed
so that we can share with you about what's happening
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*