

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

‘I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”

Praise the Lord!

* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We greet you in the morning, O God,
as those enfolded in your arms through the night.

We praise you for your tender mercies
and loving-kindness,
and for your faithfulness

at times when we have been unfaithful.

Now we gather to worship and glorify you
in the name of your son Jesus,
who taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven...

* 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
"Write Your Blessed Name"

Ainsworth Choir
K. Lee Scott

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved
that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever,
ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defence,
a comforter in tribulation,
a deliv'rer in distress,
and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav'n
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.
O Jesu, my only Savior!
Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved
that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever,
ever move me from your love. Amen.
(Words by Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471))*

Celebration of New Life

Psalm 8

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.

Recognition of Our Infants

Pam Johnston

Harris Matthews Allen – November 25, 2016

Son of Robbie & Marie Allen

Margaret Reeves Carroll – August 10, 2016

Daughter of Josh & Ashley Carroll

Magnolia Lynn Culpepper – August 19, 2016

Daughter of Bill & Lindsey Culpepper

Hunter Elizabeth Hines – October 5, 2016

Daughter of Hunter & Katie Hines

Parker McHan Jones – February 23, 2017

Son of Stephen & Merritt Jones

Gabriel Bruce Respass – April 3, 2017

Son of Joel & Mandie Respass

William August Rogers – April 19, 2016

Son of John & Marlina Rogers

McKenna Joy Smith – November 17, 2016

Daughter of Ken & Amanda Smith

David Eldon Stephens – March 29, 2017

Son of Joe & Christina Stephens

Hattaway Elizabeth Vaughn – December 3, 2016

Daughter of Ben & Kris Vaughn

Call to Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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 No. 445

"Happy the Home When God is There"

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Proclamation and Response

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10 (NLT)

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

Sermon

"It's Our Job"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

"Romance" (Concerto II)

Amy Moretti, Violin
Henry Wieniawski

* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Voluntary on HYMN TO JOY

Albert Travis

* 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

Richard Kosowski, Ainsworth Choir Conductor

Maddie McClure, Acolyte

Jake Jamison, Crucifer

Ben Jamison & Graham Johnston, Candlelighters

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

***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

"It's Our Job"

Today's Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10 (NLT)

2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ...

9 ... You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

Sermon Notes

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