

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

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



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

Voluntary on HYMN TO JOY

Al Travis

Call to Worship

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!**

\* Hymn No. 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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\* Opening Prayer

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  
"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano  
Eric Thiman

Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

\* Doxology OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

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

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

Sermon Rev. Jimmy Towson  
"It's Our Job"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

- \* Hymn of Discipleship No. 89  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

HYMN TO JOY

- \* Benediction

- \* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Hannah Greene  
by Denny & Julie Julius.*

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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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and click on "Listen" on top right.*

## *Welcome All Visitors*

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

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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.*