

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 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.

Introit

“The Lone Wild Bird”

Katie Trotter

PROSPECT

Call to Worship

Heidi Ream

When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound
like a rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 2:1-4a)

* Entrance Hymn No. 539

“O Spirit of the Living God”

FOREST GREEN

* Opening Prayer

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

O God of wind and flame,
ignite a fire in our hearts on this day of Pentecost,
and fill us with your courage and power.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people around the world,
that our young people may have visions,
and our elders dream dreams.
Blow into our lives,
and renew us as a people of faith,
that we might spread the good news of your saving love,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who taught us to pray.
Our Father, who art in heaven...

* Affirmation of Faith
A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Ainsworth Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

* Hymn of Preparation

"A Rushing, Mighty Wind"

FESTAL SONG

**A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room,
and tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.**

**God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the bloodred flame;
a Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.**

**Three thousand souls that day in mind and heart were stirred;
and these were added to the church as they believed the Word.**

**Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire,
and as at that first Pentecost Your people's lives inspire.**

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New Testament Lesson

Heidi Ream

Acts 2 (Selected Verses) (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Encounters: "Energized"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Response to the Word

"Abide, O Spirit of Life"

David Haas

Chris Abbott, Soloist

Congregation may sing the refrain as directed.

Bill Huebsch

David Haas

Let peace fill our hearts, let love fill our minds.
Make us lov - ing dis - ci - ples of Christ. So
may we be one, so may we be yours. A -
bide, O Spir - it of life!

Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Michael Burkhardt

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

SENDING FORTH

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship

“Filled with the Spirit’s Power”

EVENTIDE

**Filled with the Spirit’s power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ’s, and Christians prove.**

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The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Veni Creator Spiritus”

Benoit

* 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
Lisa Shepard, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Heidi Ream, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Conner Hefner, Crucifer
Xavier Tarbox & Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in
loving memory of their parents Anne and James Berg
and Mary and Tom Williams
by Martha and Jimbo Berg.*

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

Encounters: "Energized"

Today's Scripture

Acts 2 (Selected Verses) (NLT)

- 1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.
- 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.
- 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.
- 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, [b] as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.
- 5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.
- 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.
- 7 They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee,
- 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!"
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- 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.
- 13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"
- 14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.
- 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that.
- 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:
- 17 'In the last days,' God says,
 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
 Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
 Your young men will see visions,
 and your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit
 even on my servants—men and women alike—
 and they will prophesy.'

Sermon Notes

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