

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Prelude

“When In Our Music God is Glorified” Michael Burkhardt

I Theme

II Trio

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

“When In Our Music God is Glorified” Michael Burkhardt

III Pastorale

IV Final

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

praise God for his exceeding greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with sounding cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 150)

* Entrance Hymn No. 66

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of grace,

you have given us minds to know you,

hearts to love you,

and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,

that we may celebrate your glory

and worship you in spirit and in truth

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reading

“For Remembered Music Sounding”

Dr. David Keith

Thomas Troeger

Act of Praise

“This is My Father's World”

Wesley Choir

arr. Dennis Allen

Proclamation and Response

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 No. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**† Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

(Text by Charles Wesley)

* Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

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

Anthem

"A New Commandment"

Ainsworth Choir

Claude Bass

Homily

"Living with 'Ifs'"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Musical Reflection
“There is a Time”

Katie Trotter
Craig Courtney

*There is a time, there is a season for ev'ry purpose under heav'n:
a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to reap,
a time to kill, a time to heal, a time to destroy, a time to build.
There is a time, there is a time.*

*A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance,
to scatter stones, to gather stones, a time to embrace, and to refrain,
a time to search, a time to lose, a time to hold, a time to release.
There is a time, there is a time.*

*A time for silence, a time to speak, a time to love, a time to hate,
a time for war, a time for peace.
There is a time, there is a time.
(Based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Allegro” (Sonata V)

Johann S. Bach

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, 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

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 102

“Now We Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

* Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Choral Benediction

“A Gaelic Benediction”

Ainsworth Choir

arr. Jerry Ulrich

Closing Voluntary

“Toccata” (Symphony V)

Charles Marie Widor

* *Please stand as you are able.*

†The harmonization on the final stanza of the hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (HYFRYDOL) is written by Robert McCormick, and included in a recent publication of “Hymn Intonations, Preludes and Free Harmonizations” which Robert dedicated to Cam. The dedication reads: “These harmonizations are dedicated to Camille Bishop, my first teacher and musical inspiration as a child, upon her retirement after 35 years as Organist and Director of Music at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia. Through Cam’s beautiful playing I first learned to love hymnody, and I am a church musician today largely because of her example and support.”

The anthem “A New Commandment” was commissioned by the Ainsworth Choir in 2012 on the occasion of Cam’s 30th anniversary as Director of Music/Organist at Mulberry.

A New Commandment

by Claude L. Bass

A new commandment give I unto you:

Love one another, as I have loved you.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.

Just as I have obeyed my Father and abide in his love.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples.

By this shall all men know if you have love to one another.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you,
and that your joy might be complete.

This is my command: love as I have loved you.

(Adapted from Matthew 13:34-35 and Matthew 15: 9-12)



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

Dr. David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Conductor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children’s & Family Ministries

Maddie McClure, Acolyte

Micah Johnston, Crucifer

Isabella Ewing & Matt Newberry, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Cam Bishop
by the Ainsworth Choir.*

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Today's Sermon

“Living with “Ifs”

Today's Scripture

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Sermon Notes

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