

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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

“When In Our Music God is Glorified” Michael Burkhardt

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!

* 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.

Act of Praise

"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

**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

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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.**

* Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Living with “Ifs”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

(stanzas 1 & 4)

* 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 loving memory of*

*J. Ray Wilson and Margaret Wilson Long
by their children Vickie, Patty, Ellen, Susan,
John, James, and Seth.*

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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

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org
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.*

***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

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*