

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*May 22, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting in the Name of Christ
Quiet Disciple Award

Rev. Jimmy Towson
Carol Pope

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary
“Morning Has Broken”

Timothy Albrecht

Call to Worship

Beth Tripp

This is Sabbath –
we seek within our restful selves for re-creation.
This is Sunday –
we celebrate the bright resurrection
and its good news.
This is the day which God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Entrance Hymn No. 144
“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

* Opening Prayer

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

Lift up our souls, O Lord,
to the pure, serene light of your presence;
that there we may breathe freely,
there repose in your love,
there may be at rest from ourselves,
and from there return,
arrayed in your peace,
to do and bear what will please you;
for your holy name’s sake. **Amen.**

* Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
**thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
**and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Carl Nygard, Jr.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his kindness.

He forgives all your sins, and crowns you with love.

Psalm 103:1-3

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 No. 175

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

ST. AGNES

* Gospel Reading

Beth Tripp

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Alaina Harrison

Encounters: “Redeeming Martha”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Response to the Word
“In Repentance and Rest”

Katie Trotter, Soprano
Bill and Robin Wolaver

A Moment of Quietness and Stillness

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts
“Three Psalm Preludes: Repose”

Raymond Haan

* 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

BEACH SPRING

**Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God’s peace;
from our vain ambition’s worry,
come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life’s demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here
to see and find God’s face.**

**In the pastures of God’s goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God’s mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God’s presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God’s anointing
into service we are led.**

**Come, then, children, with your burdens –
life’s confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for Christ will quench them –
Christ alone will satisfy,
all our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.**

*Words by Marva J. Dawn
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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

“Voluntary on BEACH SPRING”

Dale Wood

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Our Speaker

Our speaker for the United Methodist Women’s Day is Rev. Alaina Harrison, the Minister to Women for the Wesley Foundation of Macon. She is a Provisional Deacon in the South Georgia United Methodist Conference. She calls Columbus her home, but moved around a lot as a Methodist preacher’s kid. Alaina has a double major degree in Advertising and Art from Wesleyan and graduated from Emory University in 2015 with a Masters of Divinity. Her husband, Greg, is Campus Minister for the Wesley Foundation. She moved to Macon with him and their ten month old baby boy in 2015.



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 E. Shepard, Conductor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children’s & Family Ministries

Beth Tripp, Lay Reader

Carol Pope, UMW Presentation

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

Jake Jamison, Crucifer

Akins Manley & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

“LOVE FOR THE SHEER JOY OF LOVING”, Bill Hurdle.

The flowers are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of Bill Hurdle

by Betty S. Hurdle, Harriet Wade,

Caroline Calvert, Bill Hurdle, Jr., and John Lough Hurdle.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PLEDGE

We pledge our prayers, that we may experience growth and renewal in our relationship to God and to our sisters and brothers; our time; that we may respond to human need through study, action and reflection; our gifts, through United Methodist Women, that we may share in the Global ministries of the Church.

PURPOSE OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organization of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation and funding of global ministries of the church.

2016-2017 UMW OFFICERS

President: Mary Hurt

Vice-president: Marilyn Armstrong

Secretary: Roberta Johstono

Treasurer: Bobbie Gore

Past President: Carol Pope

*Circle Leaders: Mary Anne Gaudry, Diane Greene,
Marilyn Armstrong*

*At-Large Members: Marianne Dunn, Anne McCrary,
Carol Pope, Jane Moore, Anna Waters*

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: "Redeeming Martha"

Today's Scripture

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. ^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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