

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*May 22, 2016
Nine 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.

Opening Voluntary
“Morning Has Broken”

Timothy Albrecht

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.

* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Act of Praise

“In Repentance and Rest”

Katie Trotter

Bill & Robin Wolaver

Pastoral 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 Reading

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”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* 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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* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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 George Munford
by Norma Munford and family.*

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.

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.

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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

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