

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015
Nine O'clock*



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Veni Creator Spiritus”

Caitlin Dowling

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Call to Worship

In rushing wind, in cleansing fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In courage found, in strength renewed...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In visions born, in dreams restored...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In hopes rekindled, in fears released...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In the church's sudden birth, in possibilities untold...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In rushing wind, in cleansing fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Response to the Word
“Abide, O Spirit of Life”

Chris Abbott, Soloist
David Haas

Pastoral Prayer

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

“Pentecost: Back to the Beginning...Now!”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 420

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Caitlin Dowling, Assistant Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Quiet Disciple (Leolene Tate).*

It has been a joy to have Caitlin Dowling with us at Mulberry for the past five years as she pursued her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Mercer. During her time here she has been active in the Ainsworth Choir, served as organ assistant and assisted with both children's choir and youth choir. We are grateful to Caitlin for the time and talent that she has so graciously shared with us.

Caitlin will be leaving at the end of this month to begin a position as organ intern at West End UMC in Nashville. Though she'll be here through the last Sunday in May, today is the last time she'll be playing the organ for us. I'm certain you join me in sending her off wrapped in our love and prayers and best wishes as she begins this new chapter in her life.

Cam Bishop

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 7:1-23

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.

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed
so that we can share with you about what's happening
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*