

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Ascension Sunday
May 28, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our ascended Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

L'ascension ("Ascension Suite"): Olivier Messiaen
"Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father"

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears,
we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

* Entrance Hymn No. 312

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens,
that he might fill all things.

Mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to his promise,
he abides with his Church on earth,
even to the end of the world;

through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“The Head that Once Was Crowned
with Thorns”

Ainsworth Choir

John Ferguson

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.*

Psalm 47

RESPONSE (*Ascension & General*) Charles Wesley
Robert Williams

Earth and heaven re - peat the cry,
“Glo - ry be to God on high.”

R Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great Ruler over all the earth,
 who subdued peoples under us
 and nations under our feet,
who chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our ruler, sing praises!
 For God is the ruler of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
 The princes of the people gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God,
Who is highly exalted! R

New Testament Lesson
Acts 1:6-14

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

Sermon
“Do Something”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Responding to the Word

Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

Peter Schultz, Tenor
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Moses Hogan

* 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. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary

“Toccata in F Major” (BuxWV 157)

Richard Gress

Dietrich Buxtehude

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Richard Kosowski, Director of Music

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children’s & Family Ministries

Maddie McClure, Acolyte

John Morgan Manley, Crucifer

Cooper Baskette & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and “Love for the sheer joy of loving” in memory of

Bill Hurdle by his wife Betty S. Hurdle, Harriett Wade,

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

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Today's Sermon
"Do Something"

Today's Scripture
Acts 1:6-14

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*