

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

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

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Mary Hurt

Let us praise our God,
Holy Mystery, Source of all being, Word and Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt God above all forever.

* Entrance Hymn No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

You are holy, God the Creator,
giving us richly all things to enjoy.
You are holy, Christ the Savior of the world
made flesh to set us free.
You are holy, Spirit of truth and love,
willing to dwell in us.
You are holy and blessed, O God, eternal Trinity,
and we worship you. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“Joined Together as One Body”

James Biery

*The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1 & 4 with the choir.
The choir will sing stanzas 2 & 3.*

**Joined together as one body, knit together, we are one.
We the church, God's chosen body,
live our faith in Christ, the Son.
We are called to be disciples! We are called to live in love!
Bring your hearts and minds, disciples,
dedicate your lives to God.**

Choir sings stanzas 2 & 3

**Joined together as one body, knit together, we are one.
Still, each person in Christ's body
will remain a separate one.
We are called to be God's people!
We are called to live in love!
Always longing, as God's people,
for God's gracious, healing love.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Olivia Eugenia Mayfield
Daughter of Nash and Jenny Mayfield

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include this family now before you
in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this family
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Olivia to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

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.*

Old Testament Lesson

Mary Hurt

Isaiah 6:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection

Greg Elliott, Baritone

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Paul S. Jones

* Gospel Lesson

Mary Hurt

John 3:1-17

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

"The Continuing Question"

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

"Aria"

Paul Manz

* 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

Rev. Bill Culpepper

SENDING FORTH

- * Hymn of Discipleship No. 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

- * The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present
for him in the world this week.*

“Toccata” from ‘Symphony V’ Widor

- * Benediction

Rev Tommy Mason

- * *Please stand as you are able.*

Today's Music

*The hymns we are singing in today's service
are some of Tommy Mason's favorites.*

*The anthem the choir is singing was chosen as a reflection of
Tommy's ministry at Mulberry and his constant reminder that
“We are called to be disciples. We are called to live in love.”*

*Tommy was called into ministry to preach the word of God,
and Greg's solo reminds us of that firm foundation that
“is laid for your faith in his excellent word”.*

*The closing voluntary, requested by Karen Mason,
is a triumphant send-off for the Masons and a celebration of the joy
they have brought to our lives while with us at Mulberry.*

*Thanks be to God for these faithful servants
and their ministry among us.*



Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Mary Hurt, Lay Reader

Trey Powell, Lead Acolyte

Ames Jamison, Crucifer

Ben Jamison & Jake Jamison, Candlelighters

*The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary, given to the glory of God,
are in celebration of Kathleen Gresham Head and*

*Daniel George Stallings's wedding
which took place Saturday, May 30, 2015.*

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.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.*

Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 7:24-30

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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