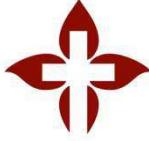


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting

Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Earth and All Stars”

Cam Bishop

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Hunter Martin

Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is from God.

**We will live with God’s love in our hearts
and worship him with joy and gladness.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 144

“This is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us this gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.

We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
"If You Love Me"

Ainsworth Choir
Mark Patterson

If you love me, keep my commandments
If you trust me, live in faith,
and the Father will send you the spirit of truth
and the Spirit will show you the way.

The world will not understand the ways of the Lord.
They do not trust him, they do not seek him,
they do not know him at all.
But you know the Spirit of the living God lives in you
and will be with you both now and forever.
Adapted from John 14:15-21

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children's church at this time.*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Phillip Dunn

O God, our helper,
by your Holy Spirit open our minds,
and lead us into your truth
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson
1 John 3:11-24

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

Homily

Rev. Tommy Mason

We Believe:
The Witness of the Holy Spirit

Prayer for Graduating High School Seniors

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of grace,
for Christ is the vine,
and we are the branches.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come to the table of love,
for whoever does not love,
does not know God.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come to the table of blessing,
for Christ is here to abide in us,
as we abide in him.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God’s love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts
 “Borning Cry”

Phillip Kadildo

Joy Mote, Soprano
 Katie Trotter, Violin

Thanksgiving and Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving

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Sung responses – Congregation echoes the cantor.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Music At Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction.
The altar is open for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Sending Forth

- * Hymn of Discipleship No. 557
“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

DENNIS

- * 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.*

“Now Thank We All Our God” - Paul Manz

- * Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

- * *Please stand as you are able*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Director of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Eldon Lundin, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children and Family Ministries
Trey Powell, Lead Acolyte
Will Smith, Crucifer
Hayden Martin & Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters
Singers during Communion:
Caitlin Dowling, William Hutchens, Joy Mote, Taylor Russell,
Errol Shaw, Betsy Swanson, Katie Trotter*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor and loving memory of our wonderful mothers and
grandmothers, Elizabeth Palmer and Helen Schubert
by James, Jodi, Leyna, Cary and Jamie Palmer.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 6:1-13

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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

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.*