

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

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



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 144

“This is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

\* Opening Prayer

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**

I offer praise in the great congregation  
because of you;

**I will fulfill my promises  
in the presence of those who honor God.**

Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!

**Let all who seek the Lord praise him!**

**I pray your hearts live forever!**

Every part of the earth

will remember and come back to the Lord;

**every family among all the nations will worship you.**

Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,  
he rules all nations.

**Indeed, all the earth's powerful  
will worship him;**

**all who are descending to the dust  
will kneel before him;**

**my being also lives for him.**

Future descendants will serve him;

generations to come will be told about my Lord.

**They will proclaim God's righteousness  
to those not yet born,**

**telling them what God has done.**

New Testament Reading

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

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God  
and one another.

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

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

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

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

DENNIS

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

**Gospel Reading for the Week**

*Mark 5:21-34*

**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.*