

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2017  
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“All Glory Be to God on High”

T. Albrecht

Call to Worship

We gather on this Lord’s Day, about the Lord’s table  
to celebrate with thanksgiving  
the saving acts and presence of Christ:  
who touches us with healing  
and makes us whole;  
**who teaches us God’s love and brings us to life;**  
who feeds us with bread and wine  
and comes to us;  
**who shapes us as servants  
and equips us for ministry.**

Let us worship God who is holy goodness.

**We come offering ourselves to God in awesome wonder:  
Holy, holy, holy, God of hosts;  
all earth is full of your glory.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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\* Opening Prayer

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

Most holy God, your majesty is exceeded only by your love;  
grant us, in this our worship of you,  
penitence in the presence of your holiness,  
reverence at the thought of your majesty,  
and confidence in the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

“The Unfair Treatment of Uzzah”

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

- \* Hymn of Discipleship No. 364  
“Because He Lives”

RESURRECTION

- \* Benediction

- \* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

**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**

*If you would like to have a copy of  
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,  
please see an usher.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“The Unfair Treatment of Uzzah”

**Today's Scripture**

2 Samuel 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. <sup>3</sup> They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup> David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

**Sermon Notes**

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