

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2016  
Nine O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

The heavens proclaim your righteousness, O God.  
**And all the peoples behold your glory.**  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!  
**And we shall give thanks to God’s holy name!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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\* Opening Prayer

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

We greet you in the morning, O God,  
as those enfolded in your arms through the night.  
We praise you for your tender mercies  
and loving-kindness,  
and for your faithfulness  
at times when we have been unfaithful.  
Now we gather to worship and glorify you  
in the name of your son Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, saying,  
***Our Father, who art in heaven...***

\* 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

“Laudate Dominum”

Betsy Swanson, Soprano

Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed  
His mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,  
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

\* Doxology

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**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.**

New Testament Lesson  
Ephesians 5:15-17, 20 (NLT)

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

Sermon  
Encounters: “Growing Up”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 664  
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

THE ASH GROVE

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Hannah Greene and loving memory of Marian Julius  
by Denny and Julie Julius.*

*Today is Betsy Swanson’s last Sunday with us. Betsy joined Mulberry shortly after coming to Mercer University’s Townsend School of Music and has been a vital part of the music ministry of our church for the past five years. She has enriched our worship of God by singing in the choir and offering countless solos in both our 9 and 11 o’clock services.*

*Betsy was recently selected as one of the top five female vocalists in the regional National Association of Teachers of Singing. She is returning home for a year before pursuing her graduate studies in vocal performance. She just learned that she has been selected to sing next year with the renowned Atlanta Master Chorale under the leadership of Eric Nelson. We congratulate Betsy on her graduation from Mercer and wish her love, blessings, and joy as she continues her journey.*

## **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**

Encounters: "Growing Up"

**Today's Scripture**

Ephesians 5:15-17, 20 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. <sup>17</sup> Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

<sup>20</sup> And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

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