

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Opening Voluntary
“Prelude on ‘Holy Manna’”

Richard Gress
Sam Batt Owens

Call to Worship

Chris Abbott

Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God’s holy name!
We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!
We may cry through the night,
but your joy comes with the morning.
You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.
You turn our mourning into dancing!
Our souls cannot be silent!
O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

* Entrance Hymn No. 139
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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* Opening Prayer

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

O God,
in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people.
Amen.

Act of Praise
“With a Voice of Singing”

Ainsworth Choir
Martin Shaw

Proclamation and Response

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.*

* Hymn No. 732

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

ST. THOMAS

Old Testament Lesson

Chris Abbott

Isaiah 65 (Selected Verses)

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Absentee Voters”

* Affirmation of Faith

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God,
creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe,
God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice,
and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God’s gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national,
and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth
and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually
and as a community to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Plymouth Suite: 4. Salix” (Willow tree.) Percy Whitlock

* 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

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 671

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Psalm XIX”

Benedetto Marcello

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament showeth his handywork.”*

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Ainsworth Choir

David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Director

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Chris Abbott, Lay Reader

Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte

Alex Stone, Crucifer

Graham Johnston & Davis Uren, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Wesley, Clare, Alice and Martha Rauls.*

The rose on the alter is in honor of the birth of

Hunter Elizabeth Hines

daughter of Hunter & Katie Hines

born on October 5, 2016.

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Today's Sermon
"Absentee Voters"

Today's Scripture
Isaiah 65 (Selected Verses)

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

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24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org and click on "Listen" on top right.

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

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