

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

Praeludium for Organ in C Major (BuxWV137)

Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Mary Keith

We have been called to walk the faithful road
and to choose the way of God's justice.

**We are here because we believe that our God is good,
and that we live in that goodness.**

**We are here to proclaim our faith
and to seek direction along this faith journey.**

Come, together, then to be God's people.

Follow Christ and listen for the good things
that God has done.

Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

**We will share with others the goodness
that we have found in God.**

May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

* Entrance Hymn No. 96

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

AMSTERDAM

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Creator and Redeemer of all,
we praise your name above all others,
giving you thanks for the gifts of life and love.

Let your spark of divine love glow within us,
that through our lives
others will come to know your grace, power and love.

In the name of Christ we pray. **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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**O Holy God,
we acknowledge to you,
to ourselves and to one another
that we are not what you have called us to be.**

**We have not stood by our faith,
shared our hope,
or reached out with love.**

**We have done unkind and shameful deeds
and we have left undone deeds
which could have made a difference
in the lives of those around us.**

**We have failed to speak and act
for peace and justice in our world.**

**Have mercy upon our repentance,
forgive our sin,
and change our lives,
for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

Silent Confession

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God!

Act of Praise

“I Will Arise”

Ainsworth Choir

Shaw/Parker

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. 339

“Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast”

HURSLEY

* Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

Mary Keith

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Invest and Invite: “Invest”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Prayer

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

“Loving Shepherd of My Sheep”

Katie Trotter, Soprano

K. Lee Scott

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 664

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

THE ASH GROVE

* 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.*

Closing Voluntary

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Buxtehude

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Mary Keith, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Micah Johnston, Crucifer
Graham Johnston & Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Charles Hays by Barbara Hays Hall,
Michael, Linneth & Joseph.*

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.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 14:1-26

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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

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Today's Sermon

Invest and Invite: "Invest"

Today's Scripture

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins¹ and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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