

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

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



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

Cam Bishop

“Andante Tranquillo”

Percy Whitlock

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Act of Praise

“Loving Shepherd of My Sheep”

Katie Trotter, Soprano

K. Lee Scott

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

\* 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.**

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invest and Invite: “Invest”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 340

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Russ & Carolyn Barber  
by Tim & Melissa Anderson.*

## **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**

*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**

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 coins<sup>1</sup> 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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