

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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

“How Firm a Foundation”

Cam Bishop, Piano

M. Larkin

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Blessings to God,

who gives hope in the darkness of our lives.

Blessings to Jesus Christ,

who reveals God’s love unto the world.

Blessings to the Holy Spirit,

who empowers us to be a light for others.

Blessings, honor, and glory to God,

today and forever. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise No. 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

SPANISH HYMN

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of life, we rejoice in your love

which has filled creation from the beginning
and which calls all life into being.

We praise you for Jesus Christ

who reveals most fully your loving purpose
for all people.

We bless you for your Spirit

who draws all humanity
into the circle of your tender love.

Gracious God, bless us with your presence
so that our worship and our lives
may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ,
in whose name 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.**

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouth of babes and infants:
**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion
over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Act of Praise

“My God, How Endless is Thy Love”

Chris Abbott, Tenor

Gordon Young

Pastoral 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 Gifts

* 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.**

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Why Mulberry?”
\$28,500 Week 2

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

* 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/Pianist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Olive and John Cowan
by their daughter Angela Cowan Irving and family.*

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 12:35-44

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

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Today's Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

Sermon Notes

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