

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 16, 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

“Trumpet Prelude”

J. Roman

Call to Worship

Austin Carter

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God’s house  
and seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing  
on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,  
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,  
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,  
and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,  
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation  
and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

Confession and Pardon

Let us with faith and confidence  
kneel before the One who leads, guides,  
and sustains us.

**O God,  
in these perplexing days we ask  
that you would increase our faith;  
that you would enlarge our capacity to forgive;  
that you would guide our stumbling feet  
in the way that leads to life.**

**Forgive us when we are tempted to give up,  
and sustain us in the journey toward the cross.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Brief Silence*

The One who began a good work in you  
will be faithful to complete it.  
In the name of Jesus Christ you are being redeemed. **Amen.**

Act of Praise  
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Ainsworth Choir  
Daniel Kallman

## *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. 142

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"<sup>WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT</sup>

\* Gospel Reading

Austin Carter

Mark 6:1-6a (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:

Why Ask Why? Or, Is It Okay to Ask Why?

Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

"Aria"

John Inzetta, Clarinet

Charles Callahan

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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

Rev. Bill Culpepper

## *Sending Forth*

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Fugue in C Major”

D. Buxtehude

\* 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*

*Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

*Ainsworth Choir*

*David Keith, Conductor*

*Austin Carter, Lay Reader*

*Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte*

*John Morgan Manley, Crucifer*

*Cooper Baskette, Candlelighter*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Roberts.*

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**Today's Sermon**

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:  
Why Ask Why? Or, Is It Okay to Ask Why?

**Today's Scripture**

Mark 6:1-6a (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? <sup>3</sup> Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://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.*