

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*World Communion Sunday  
October 2, 2016  
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Opening Voluntary

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**Happy are those who rest in God.**  
Come and listen, children of God.  
**Teach us the way of truth and life.**  
Let us depart from evil and do good.  
**Let us seek peace and pursue it.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 547

“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

\* Prayer for World Communion Sunday

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

O God,

we join with our sisters and brothers around the world  
in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us.  
For the opportunity to eat and drink together  
and for the life we have received,  
we give you thanks and praise.  
In abundance of your many gifts,  
grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love.  
Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.  
Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,  
and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.  
We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

\* A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
    to reconcile and make new,  
    who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
    to celebrate God's presence,  
    to love and serve others,  
    to seek justice and resist evil,  
    to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
    our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Rev. Tommy Perkins  
Lamentations 1:1-6 (The Message)

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

Homily Rev. Tommy Perkins  
WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:  
Why Doesn't Prayer Work?

Invitation to the Table Rev. Jimmy Towson

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
    who earnestly repent of their sin  
    and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God  
    and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,  
    we confess that we have not loved you  
    with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
    we have broken your law  
    we have rebelled against your love,  
    we have not loved our neighbors,  
    and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
    through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,  
we thank you for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit  
to give ourselves for others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No 431  
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

WORLD PEACE

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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**Today's Sermon**

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:  
Why Doesn't Prayer Work?

**Today's Scripture**

Lamentations 1:1-6 (The Message)

<sup>1</sup> Oh, oh, oh . . .

How empty the city, once teeming with people.

A widow, this city, once in the front rank of nations,  
once queen of the ball, she's now a drudge in the kitchen.

<sup>2</sup> She cries herself to sleep each night, tears soaking her pillow.

No one's left among her lovers to sit and hold her hand.

Her friends have all dumped her.

<sup>3</sup> After years of pain and hard labor, Judah has gone into exile.

She camps out among the nations, never feels at home.

Hunted by all, she's stuck between a rock and a hard place.

<sup>4</sup> Zion's roads weep, empty of pilgrims headed to the feasts.

All her city gates are deserted, her priests in despair.

Her virgins are sad. How bitter her fate.

<sup>5</sup> Her enemies have become her masters. Her foes are living it up

because GOD laid her low, punishing her repeated rebellions.

Her children, prisoners of the enemy, trudge into exile.

<sup>6</sup> All beauty has drained from Daughter Zion's face.

Her princes are like deer famished for food,

chased to exhaustion by hunters.

**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*

*If you would like to have a copy of  
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,  
please see an usher.*