

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2017
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.

“Prelude on St. Denio”

Percy Whitlock

Call to Worship

Emerson Toles

Celebrate God’s love,
which has been poured into your life!
**Forgiveness, encouragement, support,
and healing are gifts of God to us.**
Reach out and care for those around you.
We will be people of peace and justice.
Shout for joy!
Sing God’s praises always!

* Entrance Hymn No. 61

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

God, you are our refuge.
When the world gets to be too much with us,
we turn to you for consolation and healing.
Help us today to hear your words of compassion.
Enable us to be those who would
willingly serve all people in need.
For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

* Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2: 5-6; 1: 15; 3: 16

There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“Raise Your Voices in Praise” from *The Weaver*
Ken Medema and Beryl Red

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.*

New Testament Lesson

Ella Magda

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (The Message)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

“Committed to Others”

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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.**

The Weaver

“To God our hope, our help, our light,
our source of strength in darkest night.
To God, our source of rain and spring,
who lives and breathes in ev’rything.”

This morning the Ainsworth Choir shares the powerful text and music from two movements of *The Weaver*, a sacred cantata written by Ken Medema and Buyl Red. In the foreword of *The Weaver*, Ken and Buryl write:

“God is pictured as a weaver, who, in the beginning, sews the tapestry of the universe together. With the entrance of sin into the world, human beings take the thread and break it, making their own designs which bring about estrangement from God.

“The coming of Christ shows the Weaver’s dream for the world and gives man a chance to reconnect the threads of the tapestry. God is always remaking what has been broken.”

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in our beautiful Sanctuary, Ken Medema, the choirs of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Vineville United Methodist Church, and First Baptist Church of Christ, along with student instrumentalists from Mercer University’s Townsend School of Music under the direction of Dr. Stanley Roberts, will perform this beautiful modern cantata about the beauty of God’s creation and the power of His redemptive and restoring love made flesh in the body of his Son, Jesus Christ.

The concert is free to the public, presented as an offering of love for our community by the choristers, the music directors and staff, and the instrumentalists involved in this truly unique project. After the concert is over, be sure to stay for the Fall Festival that begins at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and your friends to this joyful and moving celebration of God’s Love for Us!

If You Are New

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, growth opportunities and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you will find this church to be a warm, caring community that you can call home.

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

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services and more we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org and find us on Facebook.

Joining Mulberry Street UMC

New Members are welcomed into the congregation during our Sunday morning worship services at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am.

You may transfer from another Methodist church, transfer from another denomination or join for the first time by Profession of Faith (committing your life to Christ).

For more information, please contact Karen Carter at 478-745-8601 or kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org.

Connect with us Online

You can learn more about our church community, staff and other events by visiting our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org.

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Today's Sermon

“Committed to Others”

Today's Scripture

Thessalonians 1:1-10 (The Message)

¹ I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace!

²⁻⁵ Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

⁵⁻⁶ You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—*you're* the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

rescues us from the coming wrath.

Sermon Notes

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