

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23, 2016  
Eleven O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Introit

“I Will Sing”  
“Guide Me”  
“Nothing and No One”

Cherub Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram  
Nan Grantham  
Ruth Elaine Schram

\* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

O God,

May our thanksgiving be not merely routine,  
but spring from the deep,  
glad places of our hearts.

May our prayers and words and songs ring  
with the honesty of confession,  
the warmth of love,  
the stubbornness of hope.

Open our eyes to the holiness that is around us.

Open our hearts to the God who is among us. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Act of Praise

“Glory and Honor”

Ainsworth Choir

Johann S. Bach

Psalm 148 with Response

Hymnal Pages 861-862

Act of Praise

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Wesley Choir

Williams/Hughes

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Dennis Allen & Nan Allen

“I Am Never Alone”

Cindy Berry

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.**

Why Not Mulberry?

Drew Mercer

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13 (NLT) (Selected verses)

David Baskette

Sermon

“Why Not Mulberry?”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* Presentation of Commitment Card

*The congregation is invited to join the choir  
in singing the following hymn as we come forward  
and place our commitment cards  
in the baskets at the front of the church.*

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

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*(All standing and singing)*

**For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;  
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Offering of our Gifts

Peter Schultz, Tenor

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Dan Forrest

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 98

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Michael Burkhardt

\* 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*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Lisa Shepard, Conductor*  
*Caroline Perkins, Cherub Choir Director*  
*Cam Bishop, Wesley Choir Director*  
*Lisa Shepard, Accompanist*  
*David Baskette, Lay Reader*  
*Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte*  
*Maddie McClure, Crucifer*  
*Cooper Baskette, Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Herman and Dot Martin and Hazel Couch  
by the family.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“Why Not Mulberry?”

**Today's Scripture**

Hebrews 13 (NLT) (Selected verses)

1 Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

2 Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

3 Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

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5 Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said,

“I will never fail you.

I will never abandon you.”

6 So we can say with confidence,

“The LORD is my helper,

so I will have no fear.

What can mere people do to me?”

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15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

16 And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need.

These are the sacrifices that please God.

**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.*