

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2016

Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Voluntary on OLD 100TH”

Henry Purcell

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's;

we are people of God,

the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever;

God's faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn of Praise No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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* Opening Prayer

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

“How Great Thou Art”

Peter Schultz, Tenor

arr. Dan Forrest

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.**

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13 (NLT) (Selected verses)

Sermon

“Why Not Mulberry?”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Offering of our Commitment Cards and 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

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**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.**

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and honor of Rosa Bennett on her birthday by her daughter,
Lark Bennett, Melody Shearer and Family.*

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.*

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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

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