

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2015
Nine O'clock*



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Psalm 19”

Marcello

Call to Worship

Rev. Alaina Harrison

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We trust in your steadfast love, O God,
our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

**We will sing praises unto you, O Lord,
because you have dealt bountifully with us.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 73

“O Worship the King”

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

in whom we find life, health, and strength,
and through whose mercy we are clothed and fed,
grant unto us a thankful and faithful heart.

In the name and spirit of Christ. **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.**

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord.

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,**

who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.**

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

**The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;**

**they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

Act of Praise

Betsy Swanson, Soprano

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Courtney

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.**

Offering of our 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Bill Culpepper

“Shepherds and Farmers”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No.

“As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought” FOREST GREEN

**As saints of old their first fruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God the giver of all good,
the Source of bounteous yield;
so we today first fruits would bring;
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.**

**A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
that others too may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, Your kingdom come,
all life in Christ made new.**

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve Your cause, to share Your love
and show to all Your way,
O God, who gave Yourself to us
in Jesus Christ Your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

* Benediction

Rev. Bill Culpepper

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries
Rev. Alaina Harrison, Assistant Director, Wesley Foundation
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Pianist*

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

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*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.

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 13:5-27

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

“Shepherds and Farmers”

Today's Scripture

Genesis 4:1-16

The man Adam knew his wife Eve intimately. She became pregnant and gave birth to Cain, and said, “I have given life to a man with the LORD’s help.” She gave birth a second time to Cain’s brother Abel. Abel cared for the flocks, and Cain farmed the fertile land.

Some time later, Cain presented an offering to the LORD from the land’s crops while Abel presented his flock’s oldest offspring with their fat. The LORD looked favorably on Abel and his sacrifice but didn’t look favorably on Cain and his sacrifice. Cain became very angry and looked resentful. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why do you look so resentful? If you do the right thing, won’t you be accepted? But if you don’t do the right thing, sin will be waiting at the door ready to strike! It will entice you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

The LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

Cain said, “I don’t know. Am I my brother’s guardian?”

The LORD said, “What did you do? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. You are now cursed from the ground that opened its mouth to take your brother’s blood from your hand. When you farm the fertile land, it will no longer grow anything for you, and you will become a roving nomad on the earth.”

Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Now that you’ve driven me away from the fertile land and I am hidden from your presence, I’m about to become a roving nomad on the earth, and anyone who finds me will kill me.”

The LORD said to him, “It won’t happen; anyone who kills Cain will be paid back seven times. The LORD put a sign on Cain so that no one who found him would assault him. Cain left the LORD’s presence, and he settled down in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Sermon Notes

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