

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2016
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.

Opening Voluntary

“Romanza on an English Tune”

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Heidi Ream

Like those who worshiped with the disciples long ago,
we, too, wish to see Jesus.
Jesus welcomes us with compassion and love.
Christ redeems us and calls us by name.
O sing to the Lord a new song!
Praise God from the ends of the earth!

* Entrance Hymn No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

* Opening Prayer

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

O God of mercy and love,
 who knows us and calls us,
 we gather as your people to worship you,
 thankful that you love us as we are.
Break the bonds that hold our minds captive
 to the petty concerns of our lives.
Quiet the din of our distracted spirits
 that we may hear your gentle voice calling us.
Transform our lives that we may go forth from this hour
 with deeper commitment and greater joy. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

O God, all over the world

Jesus finds the lost and dines with sinners.

**All over the world are those like Zacchaeus,
who want merely to glimpse Jesus,
but find their lives transformed.**

The burden is on us now: we are among those
who murmured against Zacchaeus,
resenting Jesus' invitation to his kind.

**We confess that we think tomorrow
Zacchaeus will be back to his old tricks,
forgetting promises.**

But in Jesus' eyes,

Zacchaeus has regained full stature.

Lord, forgive us.

We fail to recognize that your love can change lives.

Enable us to respond to your surprising blessing.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We can trust God's promise of mercy
which is affirmed in Christ.

Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven."

This is indeed good news. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Ainsworth Choir

Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in his justice

Which is more than liberty.

There is plentiful redemption

In the blood that has been shed;

There is joy for all the members

In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader

Than the measures of our mind,

And the heart of thee Eternal

Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple

We should take him at his word,

And our lives would be all sunshine

In the sweetness of our Lord.

Fearful souls, why will you scatter

Like a crowd of frightened sheep?

Foolish hearts, why will you wander

From a love so true and deep?

*There is welcome for the sinner
and more graces for the good;*

There is mercy with the Savior,

There is healing in his blood.

Text by Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)

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.

* Hymn No. 378

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

* Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Heidi Ream

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reading (Part 1)

"Zacchaeus" by Rev. B. Kevin Smalls

Peter Schultz, Reader

Sermon

"Trying to See"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Reading (Part 2)

"Zacchaeus" by Rev. B. Kevin Smalls

Peter Schultz, Reader

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

"Softly and Tenderly"

Greg Elliott, Baritone

arr. Gilbert Martin

* 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

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 340
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” RESTORATION

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Michael Bedford

* 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
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Director
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Heidi Ream, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
Jake Jamison, Crucifer
Akins Manley & Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Estelle Stevens Mason, mother,
and Dr. R. Holmes Mason, father of Emily Estelle Mason Clisby.*

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Today's Sermon

“Trying to See”

Today's Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
please visit our website at 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.*