

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*World Communion Sunday  
October 4, 2015  
Eleven O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress, Organist

“Pastorale”

C. Franck

Call to Worship

Betsy Swanson

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Happy are those who rest in God.**

Come and listen, children of God.

**Teach us the way of truth and life.**

Let us depart from evil and do good.

**Let us seek peace and pursue it.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 547

“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

\* Prayer for World Communion Sunday

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God,

we join with our sisters and brothers around the world  
in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us.

For the opportunity to eat and drink together

and for the life we have received,

we give you thanks and praise.

In the abundance of your many gifts,

grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love.

Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.

Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,

and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.

We pray in Jesus’ name. **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

“Create in Me”

Ainsworth Choir

Terre Johnson

Confession and Pardon

By grace we have been saved through faith;  
and this is not our own doing;  
it is a gift from God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**God of every people and nation,**

**we confess that we have not lived as global citizens  
in your new realm of justice and peace.**

**We build up dividing walls in the world.**

**We contribute to division in the church.**

**We ignore the suffering in distant nations  
and live in fear of our closest neighbors.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us,  
break down the dividing walls among us,  
and raise us up to be a holy temple –  
your temple of peace in the world –  
built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ,  
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

*Brief Silence*

People of God, hear the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Peace

Christ is our peace.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave  
for children's church at this time.*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

\* Hymn No. 559

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

New Testament Reading Betsy Swanson  
1 Peter 2:4-10 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Homily Rev. Jimmy Towson  
“Why Mulberry?”  
\$28,500 Week 1

Offering of our Gifts  
“Improvisation on FLETCHER PLACE” R. Gress

## **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

All are invited to come to the table of the Lord  
that stretches around the world.  
**We come to feast together.**

\* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
Musical Setting A (Page 17)

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Today's communion includes global folk tunes & melodies.*

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”	Japan
“Praise the Lord”	Cameroon
“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ”	Jamaica
“I Will Quietly Wait on the Lord”	Ghana
“Siyahamba”	South Africa
(We are Singing for the Lord is our Light)	

**Congregational Hymn No. 431**

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**                      **WORLD PEACE**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**God of all nations, we give you thanks  
for this feast of your goodness and grace.  
As you have nourished us in Christ Jesus,  
send us forth to feed and serve others –  
sharing your peace with the whole community  
and showing your faithful love in the world;  
through Jesus Christ, bread of life for all. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## **SENDING FORTH**

\* Hymn No. 617

“I Come with Joy”                      DOVE OF PEACE

\* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,  
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes  
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you  
in worship this morning and how you can be present  
for him in the world this week.*

“Wir glauben all an einen Gott”      J.S. Bach  
(Clavier-Übung III)

\*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*  
*Richard Gress, Guest Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*David Keith, Conductor*  
*Betsy Swanson, Lay Reader*  
*Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte*  
*Sara Kate Sellers, Communion Steward*  
*Savannah Stone, Crucifer*  
*Maddie McClure & Alec Stone, Candlelighters*

*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God  
by the Flower Guild.*

## **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 12:18-34*

**Up & Coming Events & Prayer List**  
*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List  
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“Why Mulberry?”

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**Today's Scripture**

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NLT)

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

As the Scriptures say, “I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, “The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.”

And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.”

**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.*

