

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 9, 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

“Suite of the Second Tone”

I. Prelude; II. Tierce en Taille

Richard Gress  
Jean Adam Guilain

Call to Worship

Harold Chapman

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory.

**The heavens are the Lord’s heavens,**

**but the earth he has given to human beings.**

We will bless the Lord from this time on and for evermore.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 101

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

DUKE STREET

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

O God,

by your power may we, with all the saints,  
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth  
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with your fullness.

We ask this in the name of the One who taught us to pray,  
saying, **“Our Father, who art in heaven...”**

\* 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.**

\* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“Lord of Life, and King of Glory” M. Grancini/R. Proulx

*Lord of life and King of glory,  
grant us thy blessing, O grant us salvation.  
Son of God, eternal Savior,  
grant us thy blessing, O grant us salvation.  
Show us thy truth and thy light.  
We adore Thee, O Christ Jesu.*

## *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.*

Psalm 8 with Response 1

Hymnal Pages 743-744

Old Testament Reading

Harold Chapman

Genesis 2:4-7; 15

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Culpepper

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:

Why Are We Here?

A Prayer for Vision

Written by Safiyah Fousa

*Let us pray together:*

**God,**

**As the prophet has said,  
we are at great risk of perishing  
for lack of vision.**

**We cannot locate ourselves in your larger plans.**

**We cannot see where the church is going.**

**Or even where we are going  
in the next few years (or days).**

**Give us eyes to see your great plans for all humanity.**

**Give us ears to hear the cries of people who yearn –  
even faint – for a glimpse of you.**

**Plant your vision in our hearts, O God,  
lest we perish. Amen.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Lynneth Whitten, Soprano

“O Love Divine”

Luigi Zaninelli

*O love divine, how sweet thou art!*

*When shall I find my willing heart all taken up by thee?*

*I thirst, I faint, I die to prove the greatness of redeeming love,  
the love of Christ to me.*

*God only knows the love of God;*

*O that it now were shed abroad in this poor stony heart!*

*For love I sigh, for love I pine; This only portion, Lord be mine;*

*Be mine this better part.*

*Text by Charles Wesley, 1746*

**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

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**We are called to be God’s people,  
showing by our lives His grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit,  
sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us  
and remade us as His own;  
let us share our life together  
as we shall around His throne.**

**We are called to be God’s servants,  
working in the world today;  
taking His own task upon us,  
all His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons,  
dedicate to Him our all  
that we may be faithful servants,  
quick to answer now His call.**

**We are called to be God’s prophets,  
speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice,  
bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
our high calling to fulfill,  
that we all may know the blessing  
of the doing of God’s will.**

*(Text by Thomas Jackson, 1973; OneLicense #A-712041)*

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Suite of the Second Tone”

VI. Dialogue; VII. Petit Plein Jeu

Richard Gress

Jean Adam Guilain

\* Benediction

Rev. Bill Culpepper



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Eldon Lundin, Conductor*  
*Harold Chapman, Lay Reader*  
*Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte*  
*Maddie McClure, Crucifer*  
*Matt Newberry & Austin Carter, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the members of the Children's Council  
by Waverly & Beth Golson.*

### *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.*

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**Today's Sermon**

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:  
Why Are We Here?

**Today's Scripture**

Genesis 2:4-7; 15

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**Sermon Notes**

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