

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 9, 2016  
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary  
“Voluntary”

Richard Gress  
T. Mee Pattison

Call to Worship

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!**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Act of Praise  
"O Love Divine"

Lynne Whitten, Soprano  
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*

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 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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 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?**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* 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)*

\* Benediction

Rev. Bill Culpepper

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of her parents Charles and Eunice Brown  
and her brother Dr. L. E. Brown by Charleen Brown Cotton.*

### *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? 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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