

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble.

**He will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

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* Opening Prayer

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

O God,

in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand

in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Act of Praise

“Cry No More”

Peter Schultz, Tenor

Dan Forrest

*In the shadow where we linger,
in this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful
and our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown.
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold your children
till the storm of life is past.*

*Though we have not faith to seek Him,
Christ Himself will draw us near,
Deep abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.
Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, Holy Friend –
Gift of glory, hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold Your children
till the storm of life is past.
Cry no more.*

(Words by Johanna Anderson)

Pastoral 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

Jeremiah 12:1-4 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:
Why Evil and Terrorism?**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

* 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/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the First Responders on September 11.*

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 Evil and Terrorism?

Today's Scripture

Jeremiah 12:1-4 (NLT)

¹ LORD, you always give me justice
when I bring a case before you.
So let me bring you this complaint:
Why are the wicked so prosperous?
Why are evil people so happy?

² You have planted them,
and they have taken root and prospered.
Your name is on their lips,
but you are far from their hearts.

³ But as for me, LORD, you know my heart.
You see me and test my thoughts.

Drag these people away like sheep to be butchered!
Set them aside to be slaughtered!

⁴ How long must this land mourn?
Even the grass in the fields has withered.
The wild animals and birds have disappeared
because of the evil in the land.
For the people have said,
“The LORD doesn't see what's ahead for us!”

Sermon Notes

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