

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2015  
Nine O'clock*



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

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

O God, you are my God.

I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;**

**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

*(Psalm 63)*

\* Hymn of Praise No. 79

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” *(stanzas 1-4)* GROSSER GOTT

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy and loving God,

You who created the world and all that is in it,  
who sustains the universe and all that is beyond it,  
You are beyond our knowing.

We cannot understand You completely.

We cannot comprehend the breadth and depth  
of your power and your love.

And yet, You have chosen to be among us,  
to walk with us,  
to love us,  
to die for us.

May the warmth of Your love  
chase away the cold chill of our fears.  
May the fire of Your love  
burn away all that is false within us.  
May the light of Your love  
shine throughout our worship and our lives. **Amen.**

### Confession and Pardon

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*Together let us confess our sins before God  
and one another.*

**Almighty God,  
We come seeking your forgiveness.  
You have spoken, but we have not listened.  
You have commanded, but we have not acted.  
You have called, but we have not followed.  
We have loved our comfort  
more than we have loved Your will.  
Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,  
to all who turn to God in hope,  
this is God's Word of grace:  
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.  
This gift we have from God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ellyn Ammann

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Act of Praise

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Greg Elliott, Baritone

arr. Dan Forrest

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

\* Doxology

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**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.**

\* Gospel Reading

John 21:1-10 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower

“Come After Me”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 398

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

\* 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 loving memory of James O. Collins by Janet Collins.*

*A Retirement Reception to Honor Johnny Hathcock  
will be held today immediately following the  
11:00 am worship service in the Parlor.  
Make plans to join us as we honor Johnny for his faithful  
ministry to Macon Outreach.*

## **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 11.20-33*

**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**

Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower  
"Come After Me"

**Today's Scripture**

John 21:1-10 (NIV)

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way:

Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

**Sermon Notes**

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