

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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

“Andante Tranquillo”

Cam Bishop  
Percy Whitlock

Introit

“Here Within This House of Prayer”

Milburn Price

*Here within this house of prayer  
all our Father's love declare;  
love that gave us birth  
and planned days and years beneath His hand:  
praise to God whose love and power  
bring us to this present hour!*  
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Call to Worship

Karen Carter

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God,  
at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

*(Psalm 84:1-4)*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 66

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy,  
and water us with full streams  
from the riches of your grace  
and the springs of your kindness.

Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;  
kindle in us the fire of your love,  
and strengthen our weakness by your power  
as we become close to you and to each other. **Amen.**

\* 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.**

Psalm 55:1-8, 16-17

Listen to my prayer, O God,  
do not ignore my plea;  
hear me and answer me.

**My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught  
because of what my enemy is saying,  
because of the threats of the wicked;  
for they bring down suffering on me  
and assail me in their anger.**

My heart is in anguish within me;  
the terrors of death have fallen on me.

**Fear and trembling have beset me;  
horror has overwhelmed me.**

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest.

I would flee far away  
and stay in the desert;

**I would hurry to my place of shelter,  
far from the tempest and storm."**

I call to God,  
and the Lord saves me.

**Evening, morning and noon  
I cry out in distress,  
and he hears my voice.**

Act of Praise

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"

Ainsworth Choir

Claude Bass

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee:*

*He never shall suffer the righteous to fall;*

*He is at thy right hand.*

*Lord, Thy mercy is great, and far above the heavens,*

*Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee.*

*(Psalm 55:22; 16:8)*

### ***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.*

\* Hymn No. 390

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:13-15 (GNT)

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

Karen Carter

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 Can't I Just Get Over It?

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts  
"Give Me Jesus"

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano  
arr. Moses Hogan

\* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### *Sending Forth*

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 383

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"  
(Verses 1-4)

BEGINNINGS

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Director*  
*Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries*  
*Karen Carter, Lay Reader*  
*Sara Kate Sellers, Lead Acolyte*  
*Jake Jamison, Crucifer*  
*Isabella Ewing & Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of god  
and in loving memory of Eden and Pink Persons by their family.*

*Today's Soloist*

*Our soprano soloist today is Lindsey Rueter from Nashville,  
Tennessee. She is a graduate vocal performance major at the  
Townsend School of Music where she studies with Richard Kosowski.*

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**Today's Sermon**

WHY? The Question that Won't Go Away:  
Why Can't I Just Get Over It?

**Today's Scripture**

Philippians 2:13-15 (GNT)

<sup>13</sup> because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose. <sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky,

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Sermon Notes**

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