

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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

“Andante Tranquillo”

Percy Whitlock

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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!**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Act of Praise  
"Give Me Jesus"

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano  
arr. Moses Hogan

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

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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.**

New Testament Readings

Philippians 2:13-15 (GNT)

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

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?

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 383

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

BEGINNINGS

\* 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 Ron and Dora by Yetta Price.*

*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.*

## *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 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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