

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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

“The Kingsfold Trumpet”

Alfred Fedak

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

O come, let us sing unto God;

let us make a noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

* Hymn of Praise No. 159

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

you created us for yourself,

so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.

Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose

that no selfish passion may hinder us

from knowing your will,

and no weakness from doing it.

In your light may we see life clearly

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

Peter Schultz, Tenor

Bob Chilcott

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.**

* Gospel Reading

Luke 9:18-27 (NIV)

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower
“The Symbol of a Follower”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

ASSAM

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I will still follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.**

**My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
my cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
my cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.**

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* 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
Dr. C. R. Price and her sister Mrs. D. L. Riddle
by Yetta Price.*

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 12:1-12

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

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“The Symbol of a Follower”

Today's Scripture

Luke 9:18-27 (NIV)

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

Sermon Notes

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