

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

Call to Worship

Margaret Brogdon

Come into the potter's house –
**We will find the potter at the wheel,
fashioning clay into earthen vessels.**
Give yourself to the potter's hands –
We will be shaped into vessels of mercy.

* Entrance Hymn No. 75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD 100th

* Opening Prayer

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

Lord God, whose we are and whom we serve,
hope us to glorify You this day,
in all the thoughts of our hearts,
in all the words of our lips,
and in all the works of our hands,
as becomes those who are Your servants,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Ainsworth Choir

John Rutter

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for
children's church after the Act of Praise.*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading
Jeremiah 18:1-8 (CEB)

Margaret Brogdon

Homily
“Working at the Mercy Wheel”

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

Richard Gress

Thanksgiving and Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving
Musical Setting A

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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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

The congregation is invited to join the choir
in singing the following hymns during communion:
393, 613, 382, and "Lord of All Hopefulness"
(printed text below; Hymntune SLANE – Be Thou My Vision)

Lord of All Hopefulness

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*Words by Jan Struther, 1931)
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Prayer after Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people;
as a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship

“Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

HURSLEY

**Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.**

**With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ
at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow’s day.**

(Text by Fred Kaan, 1964)

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Richard Gress

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Gluten-free Communion Wafers
*Gluten-free communion wafers are available
on the chancel steps pulpit side.*



Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Lisa Shepard, Conductor
Margaret Brogdon, Lay Reader
Florence Allen, Bread Baker
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Lay Communion Servers
Sara Kate Sellers, Lead Acolyte
Micah Johnston, Communion Steward
Savannah Stone, Crucifer
Graham Johnston & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Walter and Estelle Clay
by their daughter, Margaret.*

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

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*

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Today's Sermon

“Working at the Mercy Wheel”

Today's Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-8 (CEB)

18 Jeremiah received the LORD's word: ²Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. ³So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. ⁴But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. ⁵Then the LORD's word came to me: ⁶House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the LORD? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! ⁷At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; ⁸but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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