

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

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



Greeting in the Name of Christ  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

Call to Worship

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

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\* 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.**

\* 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.**

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

Homily Rev. Tommy Perkins  
“Working at the Mercy Wheel”

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

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,  
we thank you for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit  
to give ourselves for others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No 382  
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

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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: <sup>2</sup>Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD's word came to me: <sup>6</sup>House 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! <sup>7</sup>At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; <sup>8</sup>but 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**

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on “Listen” on top right.*

## *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.*