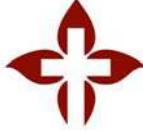


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# *The Church at Worship*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6, 2015  
Eleven O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Introit

Ainsworth Ensemble

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.*

*Come from wilderness and wandering.*

*Here in truth, we will be fed.*

*You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal.*

*Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.*

*Come from loneliness and longing.*

*Here in peace, we have been led.*

*Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal.*

*Taste and see that God is good.*

Call to Worship

Amy Griffith Dever

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is,

when true worshipers

will worship the Father in spirit and truth,

for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 101

“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

DUKE STREET

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Take Up Your Cross”

Ainsworth Choir

Ronald Corp

*“Take up your cross”, the Savior said, “if you want to follow me.”  
I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.*

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave  
for children’s church at this time.*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination

Amy Griffith Dever

Living God,  
help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts  
so that we may truly understand;  
and, understanding,  
that we may believe;  
and, believing,  
that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

Amy Griffith Dever

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev. Tommy Perkins  
Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower  
“If Anyone”

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

"We Gather At Your Table, Lord"

Chris Abbott, Tenor  
arr. Ehret

## **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

\* The Great Thanksgiving

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*Sung responses – Congregation echoes the cantor.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
The altar is open for prayer.  
Please let an usher know  
if you need to be served in your pew.*

**Music at Communion**

*The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns  
with the choir.*

No. 618 Let us Break Bread Together  
No. 430 O Master, Let me Walk with Thee  
No. 402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Let us pray.

**Loving God,**

**we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
in your eternal kingdom.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

**SENDING FORTH**

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 614

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” FOR THE BREAD

\* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,  
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes  
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you  
in worship this morning and how you can be present  
for him in the world this week.*

“Sent Forth With God's Blessing” Wayne Wold

\*Benediction

Rev Tommy Perkins

\* Please stand as you are able.



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Eldon Lundin, Conductor*  
*Ainsworth Ensemble*  
*Chris Abbott*  
*Greg Elliott*  
*Eldon Lundin*  
*Taylor Russell*  
*Peter Schultz*  
*Betsy Swanson*  
*Beth Tripp*  
*Katie Trotter*  
*Amy Griffith Dever, Lay Reader*  
*Sara Kate Sellers, Lead Acolyte*  
*Will Smith, Crucifer*  
*Savannah Stone, Communion Steward*  
*Maddie McClure & Elizabeth Sellers, 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.  
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.*

### **Communion Offering**

*Today's communion offering will go to  
the Mulberry Garden Ministry.*

### **Gospel Reading for the Week**

*Mark 11:12-19*

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**Today's Sermon**

Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower  
“If Anyone”

**Today's Scripture**

Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

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and click on “Listen” on top right.*