

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

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



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“The Master Hath Come”

Wayne Wold

*The Master has come, and he calls us to follow  
the track of the footprints He leaves on our way.*

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 101

“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

DUKE STREET

\* Opening Prayer

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.**

\* 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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us bring the needs of the church,  
the world, and all in need,  
to God's loving care.  
Please respond to the words,  
"Lord in your mercy,"  
by saying "hear our prayer."

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

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"

## 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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**God of grace,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May this food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

\* Benediction

\* *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*

**Communion Offering**

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

## **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  
so that we can share with you about what's happening  
in the life of this church.*

*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 11:12-19*

### **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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“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**

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