

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 21, 2011  
Eleven O'clock*



### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

*Please turn off your cell phones or place them on 'vibrate'  
so that our distractions are limited as we worship God.*

News of the Church

Rev. Tommy Mason

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

J. Bert Carlson

Call to Worship

Gary Wood

Come to Christ,  
that living stone,  
rejected by the world,  
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,  
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,  
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people,  
but now we are God's people,  
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.**

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 545

“The Church's One Foundation”

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\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God,

you have built your Church  
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

Save the community of your people  
from cowardly surrender to the world,  
from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you,  
and from forgetting the eternal gospel  
amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days.

For the unity of the Church we pray,  
and for fellowship across the embittered lines  
of race and nation;

to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service,  
increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power,  
we dedicate our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

\* The Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Ben Gosden

God is love, and God invites us into his loving presence.

*Silence*

**O Christ,**

**if we carry the name Christian,  
we are signs of your presence.**

**Yet we confess that we sometimes  
hurt people through our pride,  
rather than showing the way  
to the healing waters of your Spirit.**

**When we are discouraged ourselves,  
we are unable to be signs of joy or hope or good news.**

**Forgive us, and give us grace  
to be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.**

*Silence*

We are your beloved children, O God,  
and you are our loving parent.

Your grace overcomes our guilt.

Your power overcomes our resistance.

Your love overcomes our sin.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Act of Praise

“Speak, O Lord”

Ainsworth Choir  
Townend/Ferguson

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam  
on the chancel steps. K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

\* Hymn No. 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

ACCEPTANCE

\* New Testament Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Gary Wood

Pew Bible Page 886

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

"The Presence of the Church"

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Prayer No. 395 (*remain seated*)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

HOLINESS

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thly conduct his likeness shall see.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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 Tithes and Gifts

"The Father's Love"

Tiara Walker & Chary Williams

Simon Lole

\* 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.**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Ben Gosden

*Anyone who wishes to become a member of  
Mulberry Street UMC is invited to come forward during the  
singing of the final stanza of the Hymn of Discipleship.*

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

\* 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.*

*“The Gift of Love” Aaron David Miller*

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

\* *For those able, please stand.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
David Keith, Conductor  
Gary Wood, Lay Reader*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Bud Moss, my husband, by his wife, Jace, and children.*

**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.*

# *Up and Coming at Mulberry Street UMC*

## UMYF

*Sundays from 5:00-7:00 pm*

## Wednesday Night Supper

*5:30 pm*

*Program: Rev. Dr. Rick Lanford, Methodist Home  
for Children & Youth*

## Ainsworth Choir

*Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 pm*

## Senior High Small Group

*Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm*

## Middle School Small Group

*Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm*

## Youth Choir

*Sundays, 4:00-5:00 pm*

***Beginning August 21***

## S.M.A.K. & MiniS.M.A.K. (Supper, Mission and Kids)

*Fall 2011*

*The Milk and Honey Cooking School*

*Join us Sunday nights. Kids grades 1-6 are invited to bring their own  
supper, meet in the Children's Assembly Room, eat together, and then have  
class where we will use scripture, culture and FOOD to learn about the  
lands of the Middle East.*

*Preschool class also offered for children ages 3-5.*

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## Long Term Study Information and Registration

*Today in the Fellowship Hall*

*3:30-4:20 pm*

*Freedom in Simplicity, Disciple 1, &  
Short Term Disciple Jesus in the Gospels*

## Don & Emily Saliers at Mulberry

*Saturday, August 27*

*9:00 am – 1:00 pm – “Christian Worship Today:  
What Every Congregation Needs to Know”*

*7:30 pm – “Saturday Night/Sunday Morning:  
A Father/Daughter Musical Conversation”*

## Young at Heart

*Thursday, September 8*

*12:00 noon*

*Program: Comfort Food Matinee “Second Hand Lions”*