

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 28, 2011  
Nine O'clock*



*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

Opening Voluntary

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise the Lord, in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all his angels,  
praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon,  
praise the Lord, all shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, highest heavens,  
and all waters above the heavens!**

*(Psalm 148:1-4)*

\* Hymn of Praise No. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDAN ZART

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Ever-living God of all creation,

before whom the morning stars sang together  
and in whom the songs of heaven and earth conjoin;

Open our hearts to hear your voice,

open our minds to receive your truth,  
open our lives to receive your Spirit,

That we may love Christ in our neighbor

And offer ourselves to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:1-12

Pew Bible Pages 922-923

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 5:6-14

Pew Bible Pages 997-998

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

“Sounding Heaven and Earth”

Dr. Don Saliers

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ben Gosden

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

In silence, we call to mind our sins and failures.

“Be still and know that I am God”

*Silence*

Let us pray.

For not loving you with our whole heart and mind and soul  
and strength...

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

For all unkind words and hasty anger toward our loved ones  
and neighbors...

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

For all our complicities, known and unknown,  
that oppress and injure the poor...

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

For our lack of a sense of wonder  
and appreciation for your lavish love in Jesus...

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

For our failure to cry out against injustice, prejudice,  
and human greed...

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

Take from us, O Lord of life,  
the burden of these things we have confessed.

Heal us, restore us, enliven us,  
save us by your grace. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory be to God!**

The Peace

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

Offering of our Tithes and 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 Rev. Ben Gosden

**Most gracious God,  
For this holy meal, these people, this place;  
For your love, and for all the saints that surround us;  
For the strength of your Holy Spirit to go from here  
to serve you, all your children,  
and your whole creation—  
We give your thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen!**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*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. 369

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

ASSURANCE

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

Now may God, who created all things and called them good,  
Bless us and keep us.

**Amen!**

May Jesus Christ, the living Word, our Way,  
our Truth, our Light,  
Graciously smile upon us.

**Amen!**

And may the Holy Spirit, God's breath in us and fire of love,  
Grant us peace, this day and forever.

**Amen and Alleluia!!**

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*We are honored to have Dr. Don Saliers preaching in worship. Don is the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship Emeritus at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. Don is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and Yale University. He has also written numerous works on the theology of worship and music. We are honored that Don has written the prayers and liturgy we are using in worship this Sunday.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Organist/Director of Music*



*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord are invited to the Lord's Supper. You need not be a member of this congregation or a United Methodist. Children are invited to receive communion, too. God's grace is available to all.*

*Many communion participants bring an offering with them, leaving it in the offering plates in the side aisles. **Our communion offering is designated for Macon Outreach.***

### **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 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: Children's Center – 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party*

### **Ainsworth Choir**

*Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 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.*

### **Young at Heart**

*Thursday, September 8*

*12:00 noon*

*Program: Comfort Food Matinee "Second Hand Lions"*