

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Raymond Haan

Call to Worship

Scott Wangen

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**  
for he is our God  
**and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

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

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Bryson Holloway, Soloist

Ainsworth Choir

Howard Goodall

Covenant of Holy Baptism

Marian Madeline Minton

Daughter of Reeves & Julie Minton

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include this family now before you in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Marian and her family  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Members of the household of God,  
We commend Marian to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith,  
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

**that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign;  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Scott Wangen

Pew Bible Page 886

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

“The Place of the Church”

Rev. Tommy Mason

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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 for 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 Tithes and Gifts

"Gift of Finest Wheat"

Jeffrey Honoré

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal Page 13

*(Sung Responses are found on page 17.)*

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

**Congregational Hymns:**

**No. 617** "I Come With Joy"

**No. 629** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (*sing refrain*)

**No. 378** "Amazing Grace"

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
After receiving communion, you are welcome  
to go to the altar for prayer.  
If you are unable to go to the table  
and wish to be served communion,  
please tell an usher.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Let us pray together.

**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

*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. 438

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

DUKE STREET

\* 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.*

*"I Come With Joy" David Cherwien*

\* Benediction

\* *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  
Scott Wangen, Lay Reader  
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Communion Assistants  
Chris Brown, Communion Soloist*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the people of Mulberry and in memory of their parents,  
Rev. Albert and Alouise Ray and Rev. Harold and Madge Chapman  
by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*



*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 UMCOR – Horn of Africa Famine.***

*Please use the time before and after receiving the sacrament to focus  
on the love of God and the gift of Jesus Christ.*

### **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*

## **Ainsworth Choir**

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

***Beginning August 10***

## **Gazelle Luncheon**

*On August 14th, the Gazelle ministry will have a lunch training following the 11:00 am service for both current and future Gazelles. Please reserve your spot as a Gazelle minister at this luncheon by calling the church office or emailing [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) no later than Thursday August 11th.*

## **Senior High Small Group**

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

***Beginning August 15***

## **Middle School Small Group**

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

***Beginning August 17***

## ***An evening of food and fellowship at Yoder's***

*Sponsored by Young at Heart*

*Please call the church office (745-8601) or email [tperkins@mulberry.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberry.org) to secure your spot on the bus.*

***Thursday, August 18***

## **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.*

***Beginning August 21***