

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 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
"I Come With Joy"

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

* Hymn of Praise 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.**

* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* New Testament Reading
Acts 2:42-47

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

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

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

**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

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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



Holy Communion

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.***

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 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 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