

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2012
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.*

Gathering and Greeting in the Name of Christ Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary Scott Gunn, Oboe

Call to Worship Scott Wangen

Come, our Light,

and illumine our darkness.

Come, our Life,

and revive us from death.

Come, Flame of divine love,

and kindle our hearts with the flame of your love.

Come, our King,

sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign there.

For you, alone are King and Lord over us.

Let us worship the Lord our God with grateful hearts!

* Entrance Hymn No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God,

from the bondage of our sins,

and give us the liberty of that abundant life

which you have made known to us

in your Son Jesus Christ;

who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Christ is in This Place”

Ainsworth Choir

Allen Pote

We come to eat the bread of life and drink the cup again.
We come to kneel before the One who brings us peace within.
We come to greet the living Christ, who feeds our hungry souls.
O may we live as ones forgiven, in Christ we are made whole.

Alleluia, alleluia, sing of love and grace,
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is in this place.

We go refreshed, with hearts renewed into the world again.
We go with minds and spirits blessed, which gives us strength within.
We go to seek the living Christ in every one we meet.
O may we live with love for humankind, in Christ we are complete.

Hope Publishing Co. OneLicense #A-712041

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

Scott Wangen

Pew Bible Page 813

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

“Called to Solitary Places”

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ben Gosden

Christ our Lord invites to his table not a crowd,
but those individuals who dare to love him
and seek to grow into his likeness;
Come you, who dare to draw near with faith,
making your humble confession,
and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sin and faithlessness to God and to each other.

God our Redeemer,

**we long to be part of the crowd
and we forsake the opportunity
to draw close to you in solitude.**

We have let anxiety consume us

and we have doubted your ability to care for us.

We neglect the means of grace

that would transform our lives.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to walk in new life,

that in dying to our own will and ambitions,

we might rise in the likeness of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Silent Reflection

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
God has called us out of the crowds
that we might follow him
in proclaiming the good news to all people.
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

Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major: Prelude

Rogério Shieh, Cello

J. S. Bach

Taking the Bread and Cup

* 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

*Communion will be served by intinction.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Ben Gosden

Let us pray together.
**Loving God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Grant that through the sharing of this meal,
we might truly be the Body of Christ
redeemed by his blood
in service to all the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*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. 671

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

* 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.*

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Albert Travis

* 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, Organist/Director of Music
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor
Scott Gunn, Oboe
Rogerio Shieh, Cello
Scott Wangen, Lay Reader
Carol Pope, Bread Baker
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Communion Assistants
Margaret Stanford, Lead Acolyte
Caroline Banks, Communion Steward
Trey Powell, Crucifer
Micah Johnston & Will Smith, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. N.A. Powers, and Mrs. Allene McCall
by Doyle and Lullene Powers.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Georgia May Ginaldi, daughter of Joel and Kathryn Ginaldi,
born, February 1, 2012.*



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 the Wesley Foundation.***

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 – 5:00 pm

Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

*Program: Biblical Estate Planning
with Susanna Patterson LL.M, J.D.*

Children's Choirs

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm

Ainsworth Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm

Middle School Small Group

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, February 9, 2012

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

*Program: Young At Heart Game Day
All are invited. Call the church office (745-8601)
for reservations by Monday, February 6th.*

AGO Hymn Festival

Today

4:00-5:00 pm

Sanctuary

Hal H. Hopson, Festival Leader

Michael McGhee, Organist