

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2012
Nine O'clock*



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

Gathering and Greeting Rev. Tommy Mason

Opening Voluntary Paul Manz
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Worship Rev. Tommy Perkins

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!

Opening Prayer Rev. Ben Gosden

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.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 160
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

Pew Bible Page 813

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Tommy Mason

“Called to Solitary Places”

Invitation to the Table

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.

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Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

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

Offering of our 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

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. 671

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Organist*



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 the Wesley Foundation.***

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 **Registration Pad** 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