

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 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.*

Greeting Rev. Tommy Mason

Opening Voluntary Alfred Fedak
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Worship Rev. Tommy Perkins

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Let us worship the Lord with grateful hearts!

* Hymn of Praise No. 158 SPANISH HYMN
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* Opening Prayer Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the Light of the world:

Grant that your people,
illuminated by your Word and sacraments,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise

Chary Williams, Soloist

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

arr. Wood

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ben Gosden

We are people who journey as vessels
containing wellsprings of hope;
sharing, replacing,
and adding new waters of proclamation,
power, prophesy, and prayer
to the containers of our life and faith.

We pause and reflect on the movement of the tide
in this journey of life,
as it washes upon our shores,
cleansing and calling us back to ministry and faith.

O Creator God, let the waters of your womb heal.

Let us pray for the global community...

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Let us pray for the stress of our lives and world...

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Let us pray for those living in the midst of violence...

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Let us pray for those living in material,
emotional and spiritual poverty...

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Let us pray for eyes to see and ears to hear the call within
by the One who creates in us wellsprings of hope...

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

**O Creator God,
may the waters that covered us at our birth
once again remind us of our creation in you.
Remind us that we are vessels of the waters of hope
and that your outpourings have power to heal
and make whole our bruised world.
Let the living waters of creation,
womb, baptism, and Spirit
encircle us that we may remember we are yours
and be thankful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Offering of our Gifts

* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

“Called to See Greater Things”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Ben Gosden

*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. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

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* 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*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor
of Hannah Mayfield, on the occasion of her 5th birthday,
and her mother Jenny Mayfield.*

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

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