

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2011

Eleven O'clock



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

News of the Church

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

Wayne L. Wold

Call to Worship

Chris Abbott

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord!

**Give praise, O servants of the Lord,
you that stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to the Lord's name, for the Lord is gracious!

(Psalm 135:1-3)

* Entrance Hymn No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

* Opening Prayer

Thomas Hodges

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we come to this place of worship
carrying the baggage of life.

We come as persons beat down and tired;
we come as persons joyful and expectant;
we come just as we are.

Grant that our worship might glorify your name
in spirit and in truth.

Transform us into the people you call us to be –
called in your name, redeemed by your grace,
and uplifted by the power of your Spirit.

For it is through your Son Jesus Christ
and in the power of your Holy Spirit
we offer these our prayers. **Amen.**

* 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.

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have failed to answer the call
to be your people.**

**We admit that too often we treat our presence
as an optional part of our faith.**

**When we are present we admit
we are often present in body alone.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us to have an active presence before you in worship,
that we might be actively present serving you
in the world around us.**

**Open our eyes that we might encounter you anew
on our journey of faith,
and share that experience with others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Out of God's great love for us,
mercy and grace abound.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Act of Praise
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Ainsworth Choir
Daniel Kallman

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam
on the chancel steps. K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

* Hymn No. 454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Chris Abbott

Pew Bible Pages 860-861

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith Is...Proclaimed in Our Presence"

Rev. Ben Gosden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Canticle of Love

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Let love be genuine and live in harmony;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.
Outdo one another in showing honor;
be humble and never conceited.

**Love is stronger than death
and jealousy is cruel as the grave.
Floods cannot drown love
and wealth cannot buy it.**

Put love above all else;
let Christ's peace rule your hearts.
Always be forgiving,
as Christ has forgiven you.

**Love is not jealous or boastful,
arrogant, rude, or stubborn,
irritable, resentful, or possessive.
Love is patient and kind.**

Do not love in word or speech only;
love also in deed and truth.
Receive each other in sincerity,
find mercy and grow old together.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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 Tithes and Gifts
“O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near”

Eldon Lundin
Luigi Zaninelli

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

*Anyone who wishes to become a member of
Mulberry Street UMC is invited
to come forward during the Hymn of Discipleship.*

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 529

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

* 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.*

“Fugue in C Major” Dletrich Buxtehude

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor*

*Thomas Hodges, Director of Youth Ministries
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Chris Abbott, Lay Reader
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte Hunter Martin, Crucifer
Caroline Dunn & Savannah Stone, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Pam’s aunt, Martha Stanley Crusenberry
on the occasion of her 90th birthday and in loving memory
of Reese and Julia Stanley and Harry and Mary Lou Stanley
by Pam, Melvin, Allison, and Trey Yates.*

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

S.M.A.K. & MiniS.M.A.K.

Sundays – 5:00 pm

UMYF

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Movie Night: “Pay It Forward”

Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

Program: S.P.A.R.K.

Menu: Roast Beef

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

Capital, Culture, & O’Connor - A Day trip to Milledgeville

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Sponsored by Young at Heart

Make your plans now for our October trip to Historic Milledgeville.

10:45 am – 5:30 pm

In order to register for this trip, please bring a check made out to MSUMC for \$12.00 to the church office by tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please contact Leolene Tate or Carolyn Barber @ 743-1135 or leolene45@yahoo.com or carolynruss@mindspring.com