

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*October 2, 2011  
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.*

News of the Church

Rev. Tommy Mason

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Call to Worship  
"Welcome"

Bryson Holloway, Soloist  
Zelman/Miller

Psalm 150

Ashley Deadwyler

Alabad a Dios en su santuario;

**praise God in his mighty firmament!**

Alabadlo por sus proezas;

**praise God for his exceeding greatness!**

Alabadlo a son de bocina;

**praise God with lute and harp!**

Alabadlo con pandero y danza;

**praise God with strings and pipe!**

Alabadlo con cimbalos resonantes;

**praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

¡Todo lo que respire alabade a Jah!

**¡Aleluya!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 159  
"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world  
in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.  
For the opportunity to eat and drink together  
and for the life we have received,  
we give you thanks and praise.  
In the abundance of your many gifts,  
grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love.  
Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.  
Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,  
and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.  
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Silence*

*Today's Prayer of Confession will be read first in French by Jenny Mayfield.*

Let us pray together.

**Lord God, almighty, forgive your church  
its wealth among the poor,  
its fear among the unjust,  
its cowardice among the oppressed,  
forgive us, your children,  
our lack of confidence in you,  
our lack of hope in your reign,  
our lack of faith in your presence,  
our lack of trust in your mercy.  
Restore us to your covenant with your people;  
bring us to true repentance;  
teach us to accept the sacrifice of Christ;  
make us strong with the comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
Break us where we are proud,  
strengthen us when we are weak,  
shame us where we trust ourselves,  
name us where we have lost ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

People of God,  
all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.  
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,  
and made to be a community united in faith.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### The Peace

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

### Act of Praise

"Celtic Laud"

Ainsworth Choir

Craig Courtney

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading  
1 John 1:1-10

Lee Triesenberg, Jenny Mayfield  
Pew Bible Page 989

*The scripture will be read in both French and English.*

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Homily  
Faith Is...Shared in Communion

Rev. Tommy Mason

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A Litany for the Church and for the World

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God,  
that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders and people of all the nations,  
in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us a reverence for all the peoples of the earth  
as those created in your image;  
that we might serve others to your honor and glory.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,  
and grant that we may serve Christ in them,  
and love one another as Christ loves us.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;  
give them courage and hope in their troubles,  
and bring them the joy of your salvation.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Encourage us to lift high the cross of Christ  
throughout our world,  
that the Prince of Peace might reign in every heart  
and your eternal kingdom might come on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 548

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

MCKEE

\* 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.**

\* Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Christ our Lord invites you to come to his table  
that stretches around the world.

**We come with joy and expectation!**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Tanzanian Tune

"Neno lake Mungu" (Listen, God is Calling) Anne Krentz Organ

\* The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal Page 13

*Communion responses will be spoken.*

The Lord's Prayer (*Cambodian Melody*)

Caroline Perkins, Soloist

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.*

*After receiving communion, you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.*

*If you are unable to go to the table and wish to be served,  
please tell an usher.*

*Today's communion music includes songs of justice and peace  
as well as tunes from around the world.*

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Spiritual

Danielle Rosborough

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaica

Chris Brown

Gloria a Dios

Peru

Ososo

South Korea

Caitlin Dowling, Shalandra Royal,

Betsy Swanson, Chary Williams

Fey y Esperanza (Faith and Hope)

Latin America

Susan Spencer, Eldon Lundin

Peace Child

Murray/Saliers

Chris Abbott

For Everyone Born

Murray/Mann

Debbie Lane, Bryson Holloway

**God, who nourishes us for the journey,  
it is strengthening to know that  
as we have gathered at your table today,  
your people throughout the world  
are offering praise and thanksgiving  
as bread and wine are shared.  
May the mystery of your presence,  
experienced in our worship,  
bind us together into one worldwide community.  
Amen.**

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. 431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

WORLD PEACE

\* 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.*

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Mark Sedio*

\* 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, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir David Keith, Conductor  
Jenny Mayfield, Lee Triesenberg, Lay Readers  
Steve Bell & Melynn Canova, Communion Assistants  
Martha Thompson, Bread Baker  
Bert Thompson, Communion Steward  
Trey Powell, Crucifer  
Conner Hefner & Emma Johnston, Candlelighters*

*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God  
and in commemoration of World Communion Sunday.*



*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 World Communion Sunday Offering, which provides scholarship help to United Methodist students. At least 50% of the offering goes for ministry beyond the United States.***

*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*

## *Youth Choir*

*Sundays – 4:00 pm*

## *S.M.A.K. & MiniS.M.A.K.*

*Sundays – 5:00 pm*

## *UMYF*

*Sundays – 5:00 pm*

## *Senior High Small Group*

*Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm*

## *Wednesday Night Supper*

*5:30 pm*

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

*Menu: Fried Chicken*

## *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*

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Animals Service*

*Sunday, October 2 - 4:00 pm*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church (753 College Street)*

*(Note: Please make sure dogs are on leashes  
and other pets are caged as appropriate)*

*The service will be held in the courtyard area in back of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 4 pm. Please come and bring your favorite pet(s) for this special opportunity to gather as a community to celebrate God's creation together. The service will be a short liturgy followed by an individual blessing for families and their pets. There will be refreshments on hand as well. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Ben Gosden ([bgosden@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:bgosden@mulberrymethodist.org))*

## *Young at Heart*

*Thursday, October 13*

*12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall*

*Program: Suzanne Donan – "Mulberry History of Riverside Cemetery"*

*Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## *Capitol, 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 no later than Monday, October 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Leolene Tate or Carolyn Barber @ 743-1135 or [leolene45@yahoo.com](mailto:leolene45@yahoo.com) or*

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