

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*October 2, 2011
Nine O'clock*



*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

Opening Voluntary

"Bread of the World"

Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

From the ends of the earth
we have gathered around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church,
troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise No. 547

"O Church of God, United"

ELLACOMBE

* A Prayer for World Communion Sunday

Rev. Ben Gosden

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.**

* 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.

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Rev Ben Gosden

**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. Ben Gosden

*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

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Organist/Director of Music*



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.***

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

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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

2nd 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)

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 10th.

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 or carolynruss@mindspring.com