

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 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!

Opening Voluntary

Chorale-Prelude on DUKE STREET

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

Thomas Hodges

Praise be to God who reigns above the heavens.

Praise be to God who dwells within our hearts.

Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

Let each man, woman and child pray in faith.

Praise be to God!

* Entrance Hymn No. 157

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious and holy God,

We gather in your name to give thanks
for all the gifts of this day.

Give us in this hour of worship

a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us.

Lift our hearts with the winds of song,

heal our souls with the balm of prayer,

enliven our minds with the words of scripture,

and newly enable us to dedicate our strength,

our substance, and our service to your work in the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our dependence upon the risen Lord.

Silence

**O God of promise and fulfillment,
you command us to pray for the coming of your Spirit,
and yet we confess our reluctance to watch and wait.**
**O God of power and might,
you invite us to pray for the coming of your kingdom,
and yet we acknowledge our unwillingness
to witness and work.**
**O God of cross and crown, wind and fire,
you reveal yourself to us
in ordinary and extravagant ways,
and yet at times we do not perceive your presence,
hear your voice, receive your blessing,
or share your love with others.**
**Forgive us, in the name of the One
who is seated at your right hand,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

May God grant us a spirit of wisdom
so that we might know
the immeasurable greatness of God's power.
Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless,
but I will send the Holy Spirit to comfort you,
to encourage you, and to give you peace." **Amen.**

Act of Praise

"The Time for Praying"

Danielle Rosborough, Soloist

Ainsworth Choir

Howard Helvey

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Thomas Hodges

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

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Thomas Hodges

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* Gospel Lesson

John 17:1, 6, 11, 14-15, 17-18, 20-21, 26

Thomas Hodges

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Sermon

Faith Is...Manifested in our Prayers

Rev. Tommy Perkins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Hymn No. 492

“Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”

CAMPMEETING

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

Rev. Tommy Mason

Leader:

O Lord God, holy Father,
who has called us through Christ
to join in this gracious covenant,
we take upon ourselves with joy
the yoke of obedience
and engage ourselves, for love of you,
to seek and do your perfect will.

All:

**We are no longer our own, but yours.
Put us to what you will,
rank us with whom you will;
put us to doing,
put us to suffering;
let us be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let us be empty; let us have all things,
let us have nothing.
We freely and heartily yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.**

Leader:

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
you are ours,
and we are yours.

All:

**So be it.
And the covenant which we have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Litany of Intercession

Rev. Tommy Mason

Together, we pray for

The people of this congregation...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those who suffer and those in trouble...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The concerns of this community...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The world, its people, its leaders...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The church universal – its leaders, its members, its mission...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The communion of saints...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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
"Trio No. 1"

Josef Rheinberger

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Mason

*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. 671

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

* 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.*

"Processional Rondeau in D Major" David Lasky

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *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
Lisa Elliott, Conductor
Thomas Hodges, Director of Youth Ministries
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte
Margaret Stanford, Crucifer
Ames Jamison & Will Smith, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor and appreciation of our church staff
by Beth and Waverly Golson.*

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

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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: Pork Roast

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

Thursday, October 13

12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Program: Suzanne Doonan – “Mulberry History of Riverside Cemetery”

Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, October 10th.

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 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