

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 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

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

Diemer

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 66

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

* 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.

Merciful God we come to you
in the silence confessing our sin and failures.
Hear our silent pleas for forgiveness

Silence

Let us pray.

God of hope and refuge,
forgiveness is so hard.
We confess that anger and hatred have held onto us.
Too often we desire forgiveness
and yet we are unwilling to forgive others.

Lord, have mercy

Forgiveness is so hard.
We admit that we don't like to be vulnerable.
In times of distress, chaos, and confusion
we long for security and we settle for the illusion of it.

Christ, have mercy

Forgiveness is so hard.
We still want our enemies to be annihilated
and for our lives to return to safety.
But we know that it is you, O God,
alone who is our source of security and safety.

Lord, have mercy

Fix our faith on you
so we know that nothing can separate us from you.
Forgive us and heal us.
Raise us to new life.
Strengthen us in the way of compassion and justice
that we might truly be witnesses of your love
and grace in this world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
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Glory to God! Amen.

Act of Praise

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Chris Abbott, Soloist
arr. Courtney

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

* 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.**

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Sermon

“The Measure of Forgiveness”

Rev. Tommy Mason

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 singing of the
final stanza of the Hymn of Discipleship.*

* Hymn of Discipleship

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

LAND OF REST

**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach
and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs
and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.**

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of James Collins
by his wife, Janet Collins and family.*

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

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Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

Program: Pastor's Bible Study – Rev. Tommy Mason

Menu: Salad Bar

Ainsworth Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm

Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Middle School Small Group

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm

Youth District Service Day

Saturday, September 17

Mulberry Street UMC

9:00 a.m. – Work Projects

6:00-9:00 p.m. – District Youth Rally

*A day of service to our community as a group
of United Methodist Youth working together with*

Rebuilding Macon to impact our hometown.

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