

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 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

“Interpretation on CORONATION”

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**We will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord  
and the wonders that God has done.**

*(Psalm 78:1, 4)*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for this house of prayer  
in which you bless your family on its pilgrimage.  
Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness,  
our minds nourished by your truth,  
our imaginations purified by your beauty,  
our hearts opened to your love,  
our wills surrendered to your purpose;  
and may all this be gathered up in adoration  
as we ascribe glory, praise, and honor to you alone,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Laudate Dominum”

Chary Williams, Soprano

Ainsworth Choir

W. A. Mozart

*O praise Jehovah, all ye nations,  
praise him, O praise him, all ye peoples:  
For all his loving kindness evermore toward us,  
and his truth which endureth forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
world without end, Amen.*

## **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.*

Canticle of Christ’s Obedience

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.**

And being found in human form  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name,**

that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

\* Hymn No. 166

“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

SINE NOMINE

\* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

Melinda Powell  
Pew Bible Page 802-803

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Looking for Signs of Authority”

Rev. Tommy Mason

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

“Adagio” (Concerto II)

J.S. Bach

\* Hymn of Response

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARIAN

**Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forever more.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

\* 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 No. 467

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

\* 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.*

*Fanfare on ‘EIN FESTE BURG’ Pethel*

\* Benediction

\* *For those able, please stand.*



*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*  
*Melinda Powell, Lay Reader*  
*Bert Thompson, Lead Acolyte*  
*Hunter Martin, Crucifer*  
*Hayden Martin & Sara Kate Sellers, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dan Williams by Marie Williams.*

*The rosebud on the altar is in loving memory of  
James Anderson "Bo" Berg, IV  
by his church 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*

## **UMYF**

*Sundays – 5:00 pm*

## **Senior High Small Group**

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

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

*5:30 pm*

*Program: Pastor's Bible Study – Generous Living - Rev. Tommy Mason*

*Menu: Meatloaf*

## **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 first weekend in October is the observance of the Feast of St. Francis. In honor of that we will be partnering with St. Paul's Episcopal Church to put on a joint, community service of blessing for animals and families. 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>.*