

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 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

Voluntary on 'HYFRYDOL'

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Mary Hurt

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

* Entrance Hymn No. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, who created us in love,
create us anew in love as we worship you.
O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,
reclaim our hearts as we worship you.
O Holy Spirit, who moves this world
toward its God-appointed end,
move within us as we worship you. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or poorly we care for others.
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Silence

Lord, we have sinned,
without considering how much you love us.

**You see our sins more clearly
than we can ourselves.**

Lord, you know
when we are indifferent to your Word;
how often we forget to pray;
the times we come unwillingly to worship;
**and yet we turn to you
when we are in trouble.**

Lord, you know when we are untruthful
and when we think evil of others.
You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.
You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

**Forgive us and make us clean,
so that we can obey your call
to take up your cross and follow you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from God
and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Act of Praise
“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”
(Text in hymnal No.632)

Ainsworth Choir
Harold Friedell

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.*

Epistle Lesson
Romans 13:8-12

Rev. Tommy Perkins
Pew Bible Page 923

* Hymn No. 549
“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

ST. PETER

* Gospel Lesson
Matthew 18:15-20

Mary Hurt
Pew Bible Pages 799-800

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

Sermon
“Relational Generosity”

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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
“Eternal Life”

Greg Elliott, Soloist
Olive Dungan

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* 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. 557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

* 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.*

“Trumpet Air” Telemann

* 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
Mary Hurt, Lay Reader
Bert Thompson, Lead Acolyte
Caroline Banks, Crucifer
Emily Fackler & Savannah Stone, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Walter and Estelle Clay
by their daughter Margaret.*

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, S.M.A.K. & UMYF

Will not meet this Sunday night.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

Program: Kairos/Emmaus Ministries

Menu: Barbecue

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

Young at Heart

Thursday, September 8

12:00 noon

Program: Comfort Food Matinee "Second Hand Lions"

Please call the church office (745-8601)

by Tuesday, September 6 for reservations.

Long Term Studies Information and Registration

Freedom of Simplicity

Led by Ann Smith

Sunday, September 11th

5:00 pm - Church Parlor

Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

Led by Rev. Sam Lamback (478) 550-3067

Introductory meeting at Joshua Cup at 7:00 am September 6th.

First Session Tuesday, September 13th - 7:00 am

Conference Office on Vineville Ave.

Questions or registration contact Sam, Ann, or Tommy Perkins

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