

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Fanfare”

Arthur Bliss

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name,
and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

* First Gospel Reading

John 20:1-10

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Entrance Hymn No. 302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

(Stanzas 1-4)

EASTER HYMN

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

O God of all our days,
we come this morning with eager anticipation.

We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts,

that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives,

that we may be faithful witnesses

to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy,
proclaim your steadfast, liberating love
to all people everywhere. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
"And I Saw a New Heaven" Ainsworth Choir
Edgar Bainton

* Second Gospel Lesson Rev. Jeff Cook
John 20:11-18

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

Homily Rev. Jimmy Towson
The Voice
"The Voice Speaks"

Invitation to the Table Rev. Jeff Cook

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

Confession and Pardon Rev. Jeff Cook

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

The Peace Rev. Jeff Cook

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

* The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Jimmy Towson
Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Jeff Cook

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 318
"Christ is Alive"

TRURO

* Response of Joy
"Hallelujah" (*Messiah*)

Ainsworth Choir
G. F. Handel

"Toccatà" (*Symphonie pour orgue No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor
The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Closing Voluntary

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.*

If You Are New to Mulberry

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register
as it is passed.*

Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to
participate in our worship, growth opportunities
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you
will find this church to be a warm,
caring community that you can call home.*

Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.

Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

*To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services and more
we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and find us on Facebook.*

Joining Mulberry Street UMC

*New Members are welcomed into the congregation
during our Sunday morning worship services
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am.*

*You may transfer from another Methodist church,
transfer from another denomination or join for the first time by
Profession of Faith (committing your life to Christ).*

*For more information, please contact Karen Carter
at 478-745-8601 or kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org.*

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staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org.*

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Today's Sermon

The Voice
"The Voice Speaks"

Today's Scripture

John 20:1-18

¹ Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home. ¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. ¹⁵ "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." ¹⁶ "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). ¹⁷ "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.

Sermon Notes

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