

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018
Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Meditation on "Brother James's Air"

Harold Darke

Call to Worship

Austin Carter

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

(written by Thom Shuman)

* Entrance Hymn No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
you care for us.

When we face darkness and death,
walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful,
feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

"Brother James's Air (Marosa)"

Ainsworth Choir
arr. Gordon Jacob

* Affirmation of Faith (*Written by the 2018 Confirmation Class*)

Let us join together in professing our Christian faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in the Almighty God,
architect of the universe,
loving Father who offers us grace.
He is our alpha and omega.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only child,
the bridge from God to us.
He became a teacher and healer and was sacrificed
for our salvation.
He rose from the grave on the third day,
and lives in our hearts.
What love He has shown us!**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
our conscience,
our omnipresent source of comfort
and guidance.
By it, we feel the spark and motivation
of God's power.
Through it, we are changed our whole lives.**

* Hymn No. 606

"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"

KINGSFOLD

**Come, let us use the grace divine,
and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant
join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power,
his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour,
for God to live and die.**

**The covenant we this moment make
be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake,
or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God
who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear,
come down and meet us now.**

Confirmation with Laying on of Hands

Rev. Jimmy Towson
Rev. Jeff Cook

Reception into Membership

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Members of the household of God,
We commend these Confirmands to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God
has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Blessing

Trevor Ward

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

Hymn No. 606 (*remain seated*)

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”

KINGSFOLD

**Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host
the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply
which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high
and keep us to that day!**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary

“Alla Marcia”

John Ireland

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

There will be a Confirmation Reception in the Parlor.



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Trevor Ward, Director of Youth Ministries
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pat Crowe, Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Austin Carter, Lay Reader
Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Jake Jamison, Crucifer
Maddie McClure & Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lucy Hall Gordon
by her son, Don R. Gordon and his 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!

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

Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

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Today's Sermon

In the Name of Jesus: "Believe In"

Today's Scripture

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Sermon Notes

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