

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

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



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our 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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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)

* Hymn of Praise No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

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* 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.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Taylor Russell, Contralto

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

Trad. American Melody – arr. Paul S. Jones

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Evan Edwyn Bogle

Son of Brian and Charlotte Bogle

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include Evan now before you
in your care?

**With God's help,
we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Evan
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.
We will pray for him that he
may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Rev. Jeff Cook

Members of the household of God,
We commend Evan to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God
has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street
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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

* Doxology

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**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!**

New Testament Lesson
1 John 3:16-24

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

In the Name of Jesus: "Believe In"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation
to Gordon and Pam Johnston and family
for many years of faithful service to Mulberry.*

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.*

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org.*

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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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