

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Pam Johnston

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

Opening Voluntary

“Prelude on an Old Folk Tune”

Amy Beach

Call to Worship

Beth Tripp

God of goodness and mercy,
of gentleness and kindness,
of righteousness and faithfulness:
**be the light of our salvation
and sustain our souls.**

We offer the daily tasks that consume us to you,
**for we accomplish nothing
without your grace.**

We submit to your will,
that we should love you with our everything
**and love our neighbors, and even our enemies,
as ourselves.**

**Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love
into the people of God.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 702

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

ODE TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

Beth Tripp

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.
Nurture us with the strength of Christ,
the vine of everlasting life.
Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,
which flows through us today and all days.
Abide in us, that we may abide in you
and live in your love.
In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith Beth Tripp
The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71 GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise Ainsworth Choir
"A Vineyard Grows" K. Lee Scott

Responsive Psalm UMH 801
Psalm 80:1-9 (Sung Response 1)

Children's Minute Christi James
*Children are invited to meet Christi on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

Proclamation and Response

* Hymn of Preparation No. 451 SLANE
"Be Thou My Vision"

* Gospel Lesson Pam Johnston
John 15:1-5
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pam Johnston
"Well Connected"

Offering of our Gifts and Tithes Ainsworth Choir Women
"Seek Ye First" SEEK YE

**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!**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 557
“Blest Be the Ties That Bind” DENNIS

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary
“March” Margaret Sandresky

* Benediction Pam Johnston

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Our Speaker

Pamela Johnston, serving her 10th year as the Director of Family and Children’s Ministries at Mulberry Street UMC attends the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. She plans to graduate with a Master’s of Divinity in 2020. She is pursuing ordination in the United Methodist Church with a calling to minister in the areas of discipleship, Christian education and community connection. Before entering into ministry, she taught English full-time at Mercer University and worked as an editor for an academic journal. She and her husband, Dr. Gordon Johnston, have been members at Mulberry Street UMC for over 20 years. They have three children, Emma, Micah and Graham.


*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pat Crowe, Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Beth Tripp, Lay Reader
Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Alex Stone, Crucifer
Graham Hefner & Graham Johnston, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. Andrew J. Lyndon.*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PLEDGE

We pledge our prayers, that we may experience growth and renewal in our relationship to God and to our sisters and brothers; our time; that we may respond to human need through study, action and reflection; our gifts, through United Methodist Women, that we may share in the Global ministries of the Church.

PURPOSE OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organization of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation and funding of global ministries of the church.

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BOARD

*President - Mary Leonard Hurt
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CIRCLE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

Esther Circle

*Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 12 noon in the Parlor,
Mary Anne Gaudry, Leader*

Paula Motes Circle

*Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm
in the Conference Room, Dianne Greene, Leader*

Grace Circle

*Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at members' homes,
Marilyn Armstrong, Leader*

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
March 18, 2018

Today's Sermon

“Well Connected”

Today's Scripture

John 15:1-5

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org on the home page click on “Media” and sermons are found on the right side of the page.

If You Are New

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

Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshipping 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.*

Connect with us Online

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