

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 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

“Choral Prelude on Easter Alleluia”

Alec Rowley

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,
**but we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,
**but we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,
**but we have been called to bring healing
to the scarred of the world.**

(Text by Thom Schuman)

* Entrance Hymn No. 312

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

LLANFAIR

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Sam Lamback

How very good and pleasant it is, Lord God,
to be drawn together by you
as brothers and sisters in Christ
on this resurrection day.

Pour your empowering Spirit upon us,
that the Easter message we here proclaim
may become more than words upon a page.

Help us this hour to listen for and lean toward your voice
which speaks beyond the words we utter.

Move us past our doubts
that we might step forward with a faith
that does not end when we leave this place.
Nudge us to touch areas of our lives
that need to be touched,
so that we might then recognize
that no door is so heavy that it can lock you out.
This we pray in the name of the One for whom
you rolled way the stone. **Amen.**
(Prayer written by Peter L. Haynes)

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Sam Lamback

**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

Ainsworth Choir
"Spice She Brought and Sweet Perfume" McNeil Robinson

Psalm Reading

Psalm 133:1-3

Rev. Sam Lamback

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!
**It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**
It is like the dew of Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
**For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Jackson Faulkner Bell
Son of Faulkner and Laura Bell

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 Jackson 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 Jackson
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 (*congregation stands*)

Members of the household of God,
We commend Jackson 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.**

* Hymn of Baptism No. 611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moments Julia Magda

Children are invited to meet Julia on the chancel steps.

*K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

New Testament Lesson Kelly Stone
Acts 4:32-35

* Hymn of Preparation No. 420
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

* Gospel Lesson Rev. Sam Lamback
John 20:19-31

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Jeff Cook
"In the Name of Jesus: Believing Leads to Life"

Offering of our Gifts Katie Trotter, Soprano
"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel

* 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!

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Sam Lamback

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 310
"He Lives" ACKLEY

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

Closing Voluntary
"Gelobt sei Gott" John Leavitt

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*


Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Sam Lamback
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pat Crowe, Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader
Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Maddie McClure, Crucifer
Olivia Mann & Henry McClure, Candlelighters
Emerson Toles, Baptism Aquifer

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
J. V. "Buncie" and Mary Miller Skinner 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.*

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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

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and find us on Facebook.*

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staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

"In the Name of Jesus: Believing Leads to Life"

Today's Scripture

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"
But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."
²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"
²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.
²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."
³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe^[c] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Sermon Notes

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