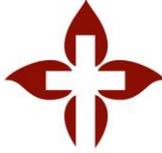


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018
Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Opening Voluntary

“Choral Prelude on Easter Alleluia”

Alec Rowley

Call to Worship

Rev. Sam Lamback

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)

* Hymn of Praise 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

Rev. Sam Lamback

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.**

Act of Praise

Katie Trotter, Soprano

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"
from *(Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sam Lamback

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sam Lamback

**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.**

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!**

* 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”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Sam Lamback

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 310

“He Lives”

ACKLEY

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Sam Lamback
Pat Crowe, Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Linda Parker
by the Daughtery Parlor Class.*

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 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.*

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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

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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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