

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

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.

“Morning Hymn”

Flor Peeters

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful.

Let us worship God.

* Entrance Hymn No. 121

“There is a Wideness in God's Mercy”

WELLESLEY

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Through the challenges of life, O God,
you are with your people
in the person of Jesus, your Son.

Calm our fears and strengthen our faith
that we may never doubt His presence in our actions,
in our thoughts, and in our relationships,
but proclaim daily through our example
that He is your Son,
risen from the dead, living forever and ever. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2: 5-6; 1: 15; 3: 16

There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano

“Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs”

Mark Hayes

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Moments

Pam Johnston

Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.

K-4 and K-5 children will leave for

Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.

Old Testament Lesson

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Nehemiah 4:6-14 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

It Starts at Home: “Fight for Your Family”

Responding to the Word

- * Hymn No. 465
“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” CANTERBURY
- Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jeff Cook
- The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Jeff Cook

**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 Gifts Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano
“O Love Divine” Luigi Zaninelli

- * 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. Jeff Cook
- * Hymn of Discipleship No. 127
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA
- The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.
- “Crown Imperial” William Walton
- * Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Pat Crowe, Organist

Richard Kosowski, Director of Music

Graham Johnston, Crucifer

Austin Carter & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Shipe
by Eleanor Castellaw and Beth Castellaw.*

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 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.

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.

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Today's Sermon

It Starts at Home: "Fight for Your Family"

Today's Scripture

Nehemiah 4:6-14 (NIV)

⁶ So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry.

⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

¹⁰ Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

¹¹ Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

¹² Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

¹³ Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows.

¹⁴ After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

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