

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2017  
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.

“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.

\* Hymn of Praise No. 121    WELLESLEY  
“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

\* 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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord’s Prayer

**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!**

Old Testament Lesson  
Nehemiah 4:6-14 (NIV)

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon  
It Starts at Home: "Fight for Your Family"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 127  
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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\* 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 honor of Tim's father Arthur Anderson  
who would have been 100 on August 15, 2017  
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

## ***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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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)

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> 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."

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

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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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