

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017
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.

“Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Give us this day, O Father,

Reverence,

to realize your presence;

Humility,

to know our own need;

Trust,

to ask your help;

Obedience,

to accept whatever you say to us;

so that it may this day be good for us to be here:

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise No. 383

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

BEGINNINGS

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Loving Parent,
you have called us to be your children.

Forgive us when we lose our childlike wonder,
and act as though we are the source
of all that is good in our lives.

Grant that as we become more like children,
we might place the children in our midst
at the head of your banquet table –
for that is the way your Kingdom is designed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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

“Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. by Ovid Young
Greg Elliott, Baritone Rich Kosowski, Tenor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Deuteronomy 6:3-9 (NRSV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

It Starts at Home: "Raising and Parenting Godly Kids"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 447

"Our Parent, by Whose Name"

RHOSYMEDRE

* 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 Lolita Rutland's Birthday
by Harold Downs.*

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.

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Today's Sermon

It Starts at Home: "Raising and Parenting Godly Kids"

Today's Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:3-9 (NRSV)

³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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