

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 27, 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.

“DARWALL’S 148<sup>th</sup>”

Percy Whitlock

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. 645  
“O Perfect Love”

O PERFECT LOVE

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father,  
please teach us to love and to serve the people  
that you have put in our lives.  
Help us to grow in the likeness of Jesus,  
**who came to serve rather than to be served.**  
May we live beyond ourselves,  
**serving and loving each other  
without keeping score –  
giving to others without the hope of acclamation  
or expectation of return.**  
Help us to see the beauty in serving.  
**Allow us to be Your hands  
and Your feet in this world.**  
In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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

Adele Bauman, Mezzo-Soprano

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument”

Jonathan Willcocks

Old Testament Lesson  
Genesis 2:18-25

Rev. Jeff Cook

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!**

\* New Testament Lesson  
Matthew 19:4-6

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

It Starts at Home: “Fight for Your Marriage”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 715  
“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

\* 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 Rev. Jeff and Sandra Cook  
along with their daughters Kinley and Audrey.*

## ***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 Marriage"

### Today's Scripture

Matthew 19:4-6

<sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Genesis 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called 'woman,'  
for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

### Sermon Notes

### Previous Sermons Available Online

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