

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 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.

Prelude on “Nettleton”

Garre Hancock

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Rejoice in the Lord always,
again I will say, Rejoice!

Today we choose to rejoice.

Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts
and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Today we choose God's peace;
today we place our trust in God.**

Turn your hearts away from the distractions
and disappointments of life
that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

Set your affections on things above
and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

**We come to worship God who alone is excellent
and worthy of praise!**

* Entrance Hymn No. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

You are a God of bounteous gifts, O Lord,
and we bless your name.

You bestow mercies without end.

Your people stand upright;
you give sight to the blind.

You have no patience with injustice,
and the meek you do not turn away.
We open our hearts to your presence,
and our doors to the stranger.
We gather as your people,
brought together by your grace
and made one by your love. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“There is a Balm in Gilead” Traditional Spiritual, arr. Douglas Smith
Sarah Inzetta, Baritone Horn & John Inzetta, Clarinet

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.”*

Proclamation and Response

New Testament Lesson
Philippians 4:4-9

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“A Fresh Start”

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Rev. Jeff Cook

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

Sarah & John Inzetta

"Be Thou My Vision/It is Well" arr. Sarah & John Inzetta

* The Great Thanksgiving

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Sung responses. Musical Setting A.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
 After receiving communion,
 you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
 Please let an usher know
 if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jeff Cook

**Eternal God,
 we give you thanks for this holy mystery
 in which you have given yourself to us.
 Grant that we may go into the world
 in the strength of your Spirit,
 to give ourselves for others,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Leo Sowerby

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Carol Pope, Bread Baker
Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Lay Communion Servers
Crucifer: Olivia Mann
Communion Steward: Graham Johnston
Candlelighters: Isabella Ewing & Akins Manley*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation for our grandchildren:
Leah, Joseph, Ellie, Nicholas, Andrew, Beau and Stella Kate
by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*

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

“A Fresh Start”

Today's Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon Notes

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