

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6, 2017  
Nine O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Prelude on “Nettleton” Gerre 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!**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

\* 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.**

New Testament Lesson  
Philippians 4:4-9

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Homily  
"A Fresh Start"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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.

**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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

Rev. Jeff Cook

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 160  
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Pat Crowe, Organist*

## ***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**

“A Fresh Start”

**Today's Scripture**

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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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