

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Chorale Prelude on O TRAURIGKEIT
“O Sorrow Deep”

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Let all God's people come.
We will lift our voices to the Lord.
God says, “I will teach you the way you should go.”
**So we will listen to God's voice
and follow God's way.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ
you know the tests and trials we face.
Walk with us through this wilderness.
Come to us with ministers of healing
and visit us with messengers of hope,
so that we may return to you in faith,
believing the good news of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Ainsworth Choir
Carl F. Mueller

Responsive Reading
Psalm 25:1-10 (Response 2)

Kelly Stone
UMH 756-757

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

Proclamation and Response

Epistle Lesson
1 Peter 3:18-22
Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Preparation No. 347
“Spirit Song”
SPIRIT SONG

* Gospel Lesson
Mark 1:9-15
Kelly Stone

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

Sermon
The Voice
“Recognizing the Voice”
Rev. Jimmy Towson

Offering of our Gifts
“Behold the Lamb of God”
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Craig Courtney

* Doxology
OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 269
“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
LAND OF REST

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Andante Maestoso “Founded on an old
Irish church melody”
C.V. Stanford

* Benediction
Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Ainsworth Choir
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolytes
Elizabeth Sellers, Crucifer
Isabella Ewing & Graham Hefner, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Clay McKemie
by Shelby and Gene Cramer and Kristy,
Kyndall and John Robert McKemie.*

Why the Color Purple for Lent?

“You will notice purple hangings around the church building-why? Purple is a color of mourning and penance and is also a color of royalty and celebrates Christ’s resurrection and sovereignty. It is fitting that the color be maintained during the days in which we focus on our own reality of sin. The color purple and days of penance themselves will eventually give way to the color white and celebration of Christ’s victory over sin. In humility we acknowledge our sin in penance so we may share fully in the celebration to come”.

Chris Abbott
Worship Chair

If You Are New to Mulberry

*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.*

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staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

The Voice
"Recognizing the Voice"

Today's Scripture

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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