

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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.

Meditation on the Irish tune *Slane*

Eric Thiman

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey
through this season of Lent
towards the One

who calls us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
**pulling our fears, our doubts,
our longings behind us.**

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
**whose promises take on flesh and blood
in the good news called Jesus.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 116

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

God of Abraham our father, God of Sarah our mother,
we remember with gratitude your covenant
that undergirds our lives with certainty
and gives us peace.

Through the gift of your Son,
you freed us from sin and death. **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
"Be Thou My Vision"

Ainsworth Choir
arr. Alice Parker

Responsive Reading
Psalm 22:25-31

Melinda Powell

I offer praise in the great congregation because of you;
I will fulfill my promises
in the presence of those who honor God.

**Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the Lord praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!**

Every part of the earth will remember
and come back to the Lord;
every family among all the nations will worship you.

**Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
he rules all nations.**

Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him;
all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him;
my being also lives for him.

**Future descendants will serve him;
generations to come will be told about my Lord.
They will proclaim God's righteousness
to those not yet born,
telling them what God has done.**

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

Rev. Jeff Cook

Romans 4:13-25

* Hymn of Preparation No. 99
"My Tribute" (sing twice)

MY TRIBUTE

Old Testament Lesson

Melinda Powell

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Voice
"The Voice Commits"

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Pat Crowe

* 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. 438
"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" DUKE STREET

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

Toccata on "Leoni" Christina Harmon

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor

Pat Crowe, Organist

Lisa Shepard, Conductor

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Melinda Powell, Lay Reader

Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte

Akins Manley, Crucifer

Evan Bogle & John Morgan Manley, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Anna Dominy by the family.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Patton Emory Hawkins, son of Jason and Allison Hawkins,
born on February 15, 2018.*

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
"The Voice Commits"

Today's Scripture

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Sermon Notes

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