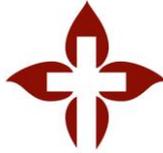


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2018  
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.

Meditation on the Iris tune *Slane*

Eric Thiman

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 116

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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\* 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.**

Act of Praise

Pat Crowe

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

\* Doxology

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**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.**

Old Testament Lesson  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Voice  
“The Voice Commits”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 438  
“Forth in Thy Name O Lord”

DUKE STREET

\* 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 loving memory of her parents, Olive and John Cowen,  
by their daughter, Angela Cowen Irvine and family.*

### ***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 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.*

*Connect with us Online*

*You can learn more about our church community,  
staff and other events by visiting our website at  
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*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
February 25, 2018*

**Today's Sermon**

The Voice  
"The Voice Commits"

**Today's Scripture**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> 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**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

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