

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 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.

Opening Voluntary

Call to Worship

John Inzetta

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
so God seeks and saves the lost.
Like a woman who searches for a lost coin
until it is found,
**so God rejoices over one soul
restored to wholeness.**
As a father receives a returning wayward son,
**so God welcomes us,
and lets the past be the past.**
Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving
that we are received.
**Let us receive and welcome
and rejoice over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 66

“Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow
your good gifts on us than we are to seek them,
and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy
may be opened to us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Joy in the Morning"

Ainsworth Choir
Natalie Sleeth



**Children age 5K and under are invited
to leave for children's church after the Act of Praise.**

Proclamation and Response

New Testament Lesson
Philippians 3:4b-14 (NSRV)

John Inzetta

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

Let There Be Joy!:
"Joy in What We've Done and Yet to Do!"

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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. Jimmy Towson

**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. Jimmy Towson

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

Offering of our Gifts

Ainsworth Choir Interns

“Adoramus te Christe”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*“We adore you Christ,
and thank you
because by your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.
You, who suffered for us,
Lord, have mercy on us.”*

* The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal Pages 13-14

Sung Communion A (Pages 17-18)

**Holy holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he 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.**

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.**

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.*

*Gluten-free bread and juice are available
on the chancel steps pulpit side.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Let us pray.

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. Jimmy Towson

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 715

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

DARWALL’S 148TH

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*


Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Hunter Godsey, Guest Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
John Inzetta, Lay Reader
Wesley & Clare Rauls, Lay Communion Servers
Carol Pope, Bread Baker
Graham Johnston, Communion Steward
Austin Carter, Crucifer
Emerson Toles & Ella Magda, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. N. A. Powers
and Mrs. Allene McCall by Doyle & Lullene Powers.*

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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*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

Let There Be Joy!:
"Joy in What We've Done and Yet to Do!"

Today's Scripture

Philippians 3:4b-14 (NSRV)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Notes

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