

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2018
Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Opening Voluntary

Call to Worship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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.**

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

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!”

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

* The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 715
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

DARWALL'S 148TH

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Hunter Godsey, Guest Organist*

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.*

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.*

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org.*

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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: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Notes

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