

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2017  
Eleven O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

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.

“Prélude”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us be rejoice and be glad in it.  
**There is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.**  
The hour is coming, and now is,  
when true worshipers  
will worship the Father in spirit and truth,  
for such the Father seeks to worship him.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his court with praise!**  
**Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (*Verses 1-5*)      AZMON

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

O God, our Guide and guardian,  
you have led us apart from the busy world  
into the quiet of your house.  
Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,  
to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding  
of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly  
the work to which you have called us,  
that we may not fear the coming of night,  
when we shall resign into your hands  
the tasks which you have committed to us.  
So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,  
but in word and deed all the days of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jeff Cook

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God,  
creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe,  
God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;  
and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,  
by silence or action:  
through the violation of human dignity  
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people  
because of greed and indifference;  
through the misuse of power  
in personal, communal, national,  
and international life;  
through the search for security  
by those military and economic forces  
that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology  
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually  
and as a community to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross;  
to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“How I Love Your Word”

Taylor Mosley, Baritone

Mark Hayes

### *Proclamation and Response*

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.*

Hymn No. 441

“What Does the Lord Require”

SHARPTHORNE

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 21:3 and 22:1

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“I'll be Honest With You”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

### *Responding to the Word*

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 Gifts

**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. 402  
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”    I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

“Nun danket alle Gott” Op. 65, No. 59    Sigfried Karg-Elert

\* Benediction    Rev. Jimmy Towson



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Pat Crowe, Organist  
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries  
John Morgan Manley, Crucifer  
Akins Manley & Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our fathers,  
James Franklin Thomas and William Howell Jarrard, Sr.  
by Dr. and Mrs. William H. Jarrard, Jr.*

### *Welcome All Visitors*

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.  
**Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.  
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“I'll be Honest With You”

**Today's Scripture**

Proverbs 21:3

<sup>3</sup> To do what is right and just  
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Proverbs 22:1

<sup>1</sup> A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

**Sermon Notes**

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