

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

“Finale Jubilante”

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

O God, keep our whole country
under your protection.
**Wipe out sin from this land;
lift it up from the depth of sorrow.**
Save us from deep grief and misfortune,
Lord of all nations.
**Bless us with your wisdom,
so that the poor may not be oppressed
and the rich may not be oppressors.**
Make this a nation having no ruler except God.
A nation having no authority but that of Love.

* Hymn of Praise No. 437
“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Almighty God,
you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men
whom you have committed the responsibility
of government and leadership in the nations of the world.
Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations
and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. **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.**

Old Testament Lesson
Proverbs 4:5-12

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Homily
"Wise Move"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.

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. Jeff Cook

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

Offering of our Gifts

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

The Lord's Prayer

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. Jeff Cook

**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

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 698

“God of the Ages”

NATIONAL HYMN

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist*

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Today's Sermon

“Wise Move”

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 4:5-12

- ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.
- ⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.
- ⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding.
- ⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you;
embrace her, and she will honor you.
- ⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head
and present you with a glorious crown.”
- ¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.
- ¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.
- ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.

Sermon Notes

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