

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

“Prelude No. 2 in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2” Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Happy are those who are without blame.
Blessed are those who walk in God’s way.
Happy are those who are faithful.
Blessed are those who seek God.
We will obey your word, O God.
We will praise you forever!

* Entrance Hymn No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Come, Holy One:

teach us your ways, lead us in your paths,
guide us on our journey.

Speak to us your words of life,
for you offer us direction and wholeness
when we hear your voice and follow.

You bless us with your love,
shower us with your grace,
and help us grow in faith.

We seek you, O God, with all our hearts.
Be near us this day. **Amen.**

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
“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Greg Elliott, Baritone
Jan Sanborn

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Moments
*Children are invited to meet Jeff on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.*

Rev. Jeff Cook

Hymn No. 600
“Wonderful Words of Life”

WORDS OF LIFE

Old Testament Lesson
Proverbs 4:14-19

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

Sermon
“Wicked”

Rev. Jeff Cook

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord’s Prayer
Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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
“Elévation”

Marcel Dupré

* 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.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jimmy Towson

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 128
 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” HE LEADETH ME

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

“Fugue No. 2 in G. Major, Felix Mendelssohn
 Op. 37, No. 2

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Alex Stone, Crucifer
Olivia Mann, Candlelighter

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of John H. Kennington
by Charlotte and John Kennington.*

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

“Wicked”

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 4:14-19

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.

¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know what they stumble over.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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