

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

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



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!**

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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.**

Act of Praise  
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Greg Elliott, Baritone  
Jan Sanborn

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

\* 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.**

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 600  
“Wonderful Words of Life”

WORDS OF LIFE

\* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
by the Joy Sunday School Class  
in loving memory of C.M. “Mac” Stout and Cubbedge Snow, Jr.  
and also in honor of Hines Wommack, for their years of service  
while presiding as officers of the “Front Four”.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“Wicked”

**Today's Scripture**

Proverbs 4:14-19

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

<sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.

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

<sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.

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

<sup>19</sup> 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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please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on “Listen” on top right.*

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*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

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