

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 30, 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.

“Meditation on ‘Brother James Air’”

Harold Darke

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

All who are gathered here this day  
are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

**We come from times of stress and worry,  
needing God’s healing love.**

Come to this place of healing and feeding.

**Christ bids us welcome!**

From the worries of our lives.

**Christ bids us welcome!**

From the things that draw us down and away,

**Christ bids us welcome!**

Let your celebration begin!

**Let us praise the Lord. Amen.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

Come into the brokenness of our lives

and our land with your healing love.

Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,  
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.

By the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
melt our hard hearts  
and consume the pride and prejudice  
which separates us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love,  
which casts out our fear,  
and bind us together in that unity  
which you share with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jeff Cook

Affirmation From Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither  
death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Jesus, I Am Resting”

Katie Trotter, Soprano

James Mountain (1876)

arr. Edwin T. Childs

## *Proclamation and Response*

Children’s Moments

Julia Magda

*Children are invited to meet Julia on the chancel steps.*

*K-4 and K-5 children will leave for*

*Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.*

Old Testament Lesson

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Proverbs 3:13-18

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Happily Ever After?”

## *Responding to the Word*

- \* Hymn No. 445  
“Happy the Home When God Is There” ST. AGNES
- 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  
“Berceuse” Op. 31, No. 19 Louis Vierne

- \* Doxology OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. 438  
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” DUKE STREET
- The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*
- “Antiphon I” Op. 18, No. 1 Marcel Dupré
- \* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*  
*Pat Crowe, Organist*  
*Richard Kosowski, Director of Music*  
*Jake Jamison, Crucifer*  
*Ben Jamison & Austin Carter, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of their parents:  
Ed and Pree Sell and Clyde and Bettie Smith  
by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sell, III.*

### **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**  
"Happily Ever After?"

**Today's Scripture**  
Proverbs 3:13-18

- <sup>13</sup> Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,  
<sup>14</sup> for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.  
<sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy.

**Sermon Notes**

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