

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Allegretto”

S. V. Stanford

Call to Worship

Mary Hurt

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

* Entrance Hymn No. 181

“Ye Servants of God”

HANOVER

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

Loving God,

we are yours.

We come as we are,

with cares and concerns.

We long to touch you

and find healing in your embrace.

Strengthen our faith

and heal our brokenness,

that we may worship you with joy. **Amen.**

Children's Moments

Rev. Jeff Cook

*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.*

Act of Praise

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Krysta Therieau, Soprano

arr. Jack Schrader

Proclamation and Response

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mary Hurt

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

"Equalizing Power"

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Thanksgiving and Communion

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.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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
“Pastorale”

Darius Milhaud

* The Great Thanksgiving
Hymnal Pages 13-14

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Sung Communion A (Pages 17-18)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

*Gluten-free bread and juice are available
on the chancel steps pulpit side.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jeff Cook

Let us pray.

**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.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 534 FINLANDIA
"Be Still, My Soul"

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

Closing Voluntary C. V. Stanford
"Andante Maestoso"

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *Please stand as you are able.*


Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Mary Hurt, Lay Reader
Emily Churchill, Bread Baker
Taylor & Kim Broun, Lay Communion Servers
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Ben Jamison, Crucifer
Austin Carter & Alex Stone, Candlelighters
Ella Magda, Communion Steward

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jeanette Walton Gunn, Otis Benton Gunn
and Otis Walton Gunn by their family.*

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Today's Sermon
"Equalizing Power"

Today's Scripture
2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you^[a]—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.^[b]

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act^[c] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,
"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org on the home page click on "Media" and sermons are found on the right side of the page.



If You Are New to Mulberry

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register
as it is passed.*

*Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
Thank you for worshipping with us today!
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to
participate in our worship, growth opportunities
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you
will find this church to be a warm,
caring community that you can call home.*

*Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

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we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and find us on Facebook.*

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staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org.*