

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crüger

arr. James Pethel

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

O Lord, we love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

**We will sing a song of thanksgiving, O Lord,
and tell of all your wondrous deeds.**

We will give thanks to you among the people,
and sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, in this hour of worship
lift us out of the routine of our daily lives
and set us up on your holy mountain.

Let our worship come from our hearts
that it may be genuine.

Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,
that we may be alive with faith and joy. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Matthew Roberts, Tenor

Hal H. Hopson

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

Celebration of Appointment

Jimmy

Dear friends, today we welcome Jeff Cook
who has been appointed to serve as one of our pastors.
We believe that he is well qualified and has been
prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, Lawson Bryan.

Jeff, you have been sent to live among us
as a bearer of the Word of God;
minister of the Sacraments;
and sustainer of the love, order,
and discipleship of the people of God.

Jeff

Today, I reaffirm this commitment
in the presence of this congregation.

Jimmy

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Jeff in these ministries?

Congregation

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

Jimmy

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
**who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation.**

Jimmy

Let us pray together.

**Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us
in our ministries together,
lay and clergy.**

**Give them and us patience, courage, and wisdom
so to care for one another and challenge one another
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,
living together in love,
and offering our gifts and talents in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson
Genesis 18:1-8

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon
“Belonging to Each Other”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

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* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Hunter Godsey, Guest Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Ken Thompson
and her parents, Martha and Dana Adams
by Martha Adams Thompson and family.*

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Today's Sermon

“Belonging to Each Other”

Today's Scripture

Genesis 18:1-8

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
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and click on “Listen” on top right.*

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*