

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 3, 2018
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Opening Voluntary

Call to Worship

Pam Johnston

The God who answers in a day of trouble is among us.
And, behold, it is very good!
The God who lights a candle during the night is here.
And behold, it is very good!
Hearts, rejoice!
For peace has triumphed over trouble,
and morning has broken eternal night!

* Entrance Hymn No. 126
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Opening Prayer Pam Johnston

O God, you do not see as we see.
You do not look upon us as we look upon others.
Our eyes are seduced by outward appearance,
but yours cut straight to the heart.
Search us, O God.
Lay bare our ardent longing for you,
and grant our heart's desire
that we might wholeheartedly love and serve you
and our neighbor. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Pam Johnston

**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.**

* Gospel Lesson
Mark 2:23-3:6

Pam Johnston

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

Homily
"Beyond Our Comfort Zones"

Rev. Jeff Cook

Invitation to the Table

Pam Johnston

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

Pam Johnston

**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

Pam Johnston

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

* The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Jeff Cook
Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Pam Johnston

**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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 454
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Pat Crowe, Organist*



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 worshiping 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.*

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staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

“Beyond Our Comfort Zones”

Today's Scripture

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³ One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴ Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon Notes

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