

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018
Nine O'clock*



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.

Pensée d'automne Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship Pam Johnston

Give thanks to God!
**Proclaim God's goodness
throughout all the world.**
Let all of us, gathered here,
celebrate God's absolute love.
Let us offer our lives in service to others.
Thanks be to God for the blessings
which have been poured on us.
**Lord, enable us to use our gifts
to serve you in your world.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 159 CRUCIFER
"Lift High the Cross"

* Opening Prayer Pam Johnston

O God,
with gladness and expectation,
we gather in this space today.
For you are the one who makes all things new.
You are the one who satisfies our hunger
and restores our soul.
In this holy space, help us, your daughters and sons,
to know that you always love us.
Through our worship today,
help us to know that if we stray away from you,
you are always ready to receive us with open arms.
Prepare our hearts as we worship you
to welcome and embrace
all of your children as you do us.
With gladness and expectation we pray,
in Jesus' name. **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.**

Act of Praise

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” PROSPECT arr. Hal Hopson

*O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all.
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.*

*For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments calm and bright!
Oh, chase the cloud of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.*

Pastoral Prayer

Pam Johnston

The Lord's Prayer

Pam Johnston

**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.**

* Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Voice
“The Voice Saves”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 98

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Pat Crowe, Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in memory of
Alton D. Greenway by Shirley Greenway.*

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.

*To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services and more
we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org
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staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

The Voice
"The Voice Saves"

Today's Scripture

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."

Sermon Notes

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