

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 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.

Opening Voluntary Gilbert M. Martin
Flourish on "Italian Hymn"

Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Cook

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob".

**God has made a new covenant
with us in Christ Jesus.**

Yet we have turned away,
hardened our hearts and spirits.

Lord, help us to change.

"I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people."

But we have failed to be God's people.

We have chosen our own way.

Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets
and through God's own Son.

**Turn us again to you, O Lord,
and awaken our spirits
to your love and mercy.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 568
"Christ for the World We Sing" ITALIAN HYMN

* Opening Prayer Rev. Jeff Cook

Lord, be with us this day
as we commit ourselves to being your disciples.
Help us to face the future unafraid,
trusting in your loving care
and presence with us.

We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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
"Out of the Deep I Call"

Taylor Mosley, Baritone
Paul S. Jones

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 Tithes and Gifts

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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 12:23-30

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

Sermon Rev. Jimmy Towson
The Voice
“The Voice Beckons”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 576
“Rise Up, O Men of God” FESTAL SONG

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God by Aliene Y. Warchak in loving memory of
her father and mother, Charlie and Bertha Yancy,
her brothers George Yancey and Reuben Yancey, her husband
John S. Warchak, and her son Stan Warchak.*

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

The Voice
"The Voice Beckons"

Today's Scripture

John 12:23-30

²³ Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. ²⁷ "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came! ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name."

Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again." ²⁹ When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not mine."

Sermon Notes

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