

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

“God Made Everything Big and Small”
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Cherub Choir
Combined Choirs

Call to Worship

Christi James

The hour is coming, and now is,
when true worshipers will worship
the Father in spirit and truth,
for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

* Entrance Hymn No. 465
“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

CANTERBURY

* Opening Prayer

Pam Johnston

O God, our Guide and Guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world
into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding
of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work
to which you have called us,
that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall resign into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.

So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

Responsive Reading
Psalm 19:1-10

Pam Johnston

The law of God is just, reviving the soul.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber,

and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

The law of God is just, reviving the soul.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

The law of God is just, reviving the soul.



***Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children's church after the Responsive Reading.***

Act of Praise
"Lamb of God"

Ainsworth Choir
John Reim

* Gospel Lesson
John 2:13-22

Christi James

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

Homily

The Voice
"The Voice Speaks Truth"

Rev. Jeff Cook

Thanksgiving and Communion

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Wesley Choir
arr. Hal Hopson

* The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal Pages 13-14

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.**

**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

Pam Johnston

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 Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 168
"At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow" KING'S WESTON

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

Closing Voluntary Hunter Godsey

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*


Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Hunter Godsey, Guest Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Christi James, Lay Reader
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker
Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Lay Communion Servers
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Maddie McClure, Crucifer
Mary Caroline Bushway & Piper Bushway, Candlelighters
Davis Uren, Communion Steward

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Yates, Sr. and Mary Jean Yates
by Charles H. Yates, Jr.*

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

The Voice
"The Voice Speaks Truth"

Today's Scripture

John 2:13-22

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

¹⁸ But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."

¹⁹ "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" ²¹ But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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