

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Third Sunday of Lent  
March 4, 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

Hunter Godsey

Call to Worship

Pam Johnston

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”

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\* 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.**

\* Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Voice  
“The Voice Speaks Truth”

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.*)

**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. 168

“At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow” KING'S WESTON

\* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Hunter Godsey, Guest 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 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](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and find us on Facebook.*

### **Joining Mulberry Street UMC**

*New Members are welcomed into the congregation  
during our Sunday morning worship services  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am.*

*You may transfer from another Methodist church,  
transfer from another denomination or join for the first time by  
Profession of Faith (committing your life to Christ).  
For more information, please contact Karen Carter  
at 478-745-8601 or [kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org).*

### **Connect with us Online**

*You can learn more about our church community,  
staff and other events by visiting our website at  
[www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org).*

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### Today's Sermon

The Voice  
"The Voice Speaks Truth"

### Today's Scripture

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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!"

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

<sup>18</sup> 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."

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

<sup>20</sup> "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. <sup>22</sup> 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

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) on the home page click on "Media" and sermons are found on the right side of the page.