

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday in Lent
May 6, 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.

Opening Voluntary
Prelude in F

Alfred Hollins

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
so God seeks and saves the lost.
Like a woman who searches for a lost coin
until it is found,
**so God rejoices over one soul
restored to wholeness.**
As a father receives a returning wayward son,
**so God welcomes us,
and lets the past be the past.**
Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving
that we are received.
**Let us receive and welcome
and rejoice over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

CORONATION

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

God of songs and marvels, old and new,
your powerful love for this world
continues to astound us.
In these last days of Easter,
we gather to recall the love
that brought Jesus into this world
and into our lives:
as savior, friend and brother.
We thank you for welcoming us into your household
and for trusting us with your marvelous work
to draw all people into the spacious home
of your love. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Ainsworth Choir

LASST UNSERFREUEN

Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

arr. A. T. Davison



*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children’s church after the Act of Praise.*

Recognition of High School Seniors

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Trevor Ward

Emily Fackler

Jake Jamison

Micah Johnston

Nika Lofton

Kendall Seekins

Celebration of Graduates and Blessing

Trevor Ward

Proclamation and Response

Responsive Reading

Rev. Jeff Cook

Psalms 98:1-4

**R: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who restores the ends of the earth.**

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for the Lord has done marvelous things!

God’s right hand and holy arm have gotten victory.

**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication
in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**R: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who restores the ends of the earth.**

Epistle Lesson

Melinda Powell

1 John 5:1-5

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Victory in Jesus”

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Offering of our Gifts
"O God of Mercy"

Gerre Hancock
arr. Paul Bouman

Peter Schultz, Tenor

*O God of mercy, God of Light in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.*

*Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.*

*And may our Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n those who have lived to you.*

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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 Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 370
"Victory in Jesus" HARTFORD

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

Closing Voluntary
Toccata on CORONATION Gerre Hancock

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*


*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pat Crowe, Organist
Ainsworth Choir*

*Melinda Powell, Lay Reader
Trevor Ward, Director of Youth Ministries
Martha Linkous, Bread Baker*

*Lori Martin & Mickey Pope Lay Communion Servers
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Alex Stone, Crucifer*

*Campbell Ann Sellers & Elizabeth Sellers, Candlelighters
Olivia Mann, Communion Steward*

*The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Pamela Vaughn Johnston by Mulberry's children, families,
and teachers in appreciation for her ten years of service with
shaping our children's faith through Christian education.*

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Today's Sermon
"Victory in Jesus"

Today's Scripture
1 John 5:1-5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ² We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³ Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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

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!

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