

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary
Prelude in F

Alfred Hollins

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:1-5

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

“Victory in Jesus”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

* The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

HARTFORD

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*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
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.*

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org.*

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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

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