

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 5, 2017*

*Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Grace to you and peace from God,  
who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

“Processional”

Grayston Ives

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Happy are we  
**when our treasures cannot be quantified.**  
Happy are we  
**when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**  
Happy are we  
**when our pain is held in the balm of love.**  
Happy are we  
**when our delight comes from  
beyond ourselves.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 711  
“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Loving God,  
we your saints gather to worship  
and praise you this day.  
We celebrate the saints who have served you  
and have been an example for us  
throughout the past.  
We give you thanks for the joy of being a part  
of the communion of saints  
with those who have gone before  
and those scattered around the globe.

Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints  
you have called us to be.  
In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Naming of the Saints Rev. Jimmy Towson  
*Let us remember those from this congregation  
who now share the triumph of Christ.*

**Grace Elizabeth Hix**  
*November 17, 2016*

**Geraldine Hogue**  
*March 31, 2017*

**Cubbedge Snow, Jr.**  
*December 4, 2016*

**Ruth Jennings**  
*April 14, 2017*

**Jace Moss**  
*December 9, 2016*

**Jason Borage**  
*May 13, 2017*

**Jeanette Gunn**  
*December 13, 2016*

**Dole Donovan**  
*May 15, 2017*

**Henry Tucker Clay**  
*December 23, 2016*

**Mary Elizabeth Phillips**  
*June 2, 2017*

**Gloria Hall**  
*February 24, 2017*

**Ben Bowdre**  
*June 15, 2017*

**Jim Weldon**  
*February 12, 2017*

**Mac Stout**  
*June 15, 2017*

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Jeff Cook

Let us pray.

We bless your holy name, O God,  
for all your servants who,  
having finished their course,  
now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,  
to your honor and glory;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

\* New Testament Lesson  
Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson  
What's the Good News?: "Blessedness"

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

Let us pray.

**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

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 614

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” FOR THE BREAD

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

## ***If You Are New***

*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**

What's the Good News?: "Blessedness"

**Today's Scripture**

Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

<sup>3</sup>"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

<sup>4</sup>God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup>God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup>God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

<sup>10</sup>God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

<sup>11</sup>"God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup>Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

**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) click on "Media" and scroll down to "Sermons".*

