

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 29, 2017  
Eleven O'clock  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

“Processional”

Frank Bridge

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

On the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation,  
We do not gather in vain,  
for God is working in our hearts.

**The love of Jesus Christ calls us together.**

Our worship strengthens and empowers us  
to share the gospel.

**The love of Jesus Christ shines in our lives.**

Proclaim the good news with boldness.

**The love of Jesus Christ is at work in the world!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

God, you are God forever.  
This alone is cause for celebration,  
but we also know that we are your people!  
As we feel your love washing over us now,  
may we love you with every part of our being:  
heart, mind, body, and soul.

We celebrate your love in our lives,  
and we ask for your help as we try our best  
to boldly share the good news  
of your love with others.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who models the way for us. **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Ainsworth Choir

“What Wonder Doth His Work Reveal” Franz J. Haydn  
from *The Creation*

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Lisbon Kaye Horne

Daughter of Stebin and Roos Horne

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and include Caroline now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the  
good news and live according to the example  
of Christ.**

**We will surround Lisbon  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that she may grow in her trust of God,  
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her that she may be a true  
disciple who walks in the way that  
leads to life.**

\* Commendation and Welcome (*congregation stands*)

Members of the household of God,  
We commend Lisbon to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith,  
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God  
has already given you  
and welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and at Mulberry Street  
United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

\* Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**



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

### *Proclamation and Response*

The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

New Testament Lesson  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (NLT)

Melinda Powell

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

Sermon  
“Committed to Each Other”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

## *Responding to the Word*

Presentation of Commitment Cards

*We invite you to come forward during the hymn  
to place your commitment card in the basket  
as a sign of your support of Christ's work  
through the ministries of  
Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

\* Hymn No. 557  
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

Offering of our Gifts

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## *Sending Forth*

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 545  
“The Church's One Foundation”

AURELIA

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

“Fireworks Music: The Rejoicing”

G. F. Handel

\* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

  
Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Pat Crowe, Organist  
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Melinda Powell, Lay Readers  
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte  
Ben Jamison, Crucifer  
Jake Jamison, Baptism Aquifer  
Akins Manley & Emerson Toles, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Roberts.*

### ***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 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](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**

“Committed to Each Other”

**Today's Scripture**

Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. <sup>2</sup>You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.

<sup>4</sup>For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. <sup>5</sup>Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! <sup>6</sup>As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

<sup>7</sup>As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

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