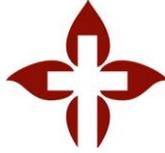


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

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



Gathering Music Fifth Sunday

Greeting Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Call to Worship Fifth Sunday  
“Seek Ye First” (UMH #405)

Opening Hymn Fifth Sunday  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH #89)

Act of Praise Fifth Sunday  
“Down to the River to Pray”

Prayer Hymn  
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”  
Prayer of St. Francis

**Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness only joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord's Prayer

**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)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Committed to Each Other”

Offering of our Gifts and Commitment Cards

\* Doxology

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**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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Closing Hymn No. 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*

*Fifth Sunday*

*Johnny Hathcock*

*Barbara Henley*

*Sam Lamback*

*Sean McCarty*

*Jerry Stinchcomb*

*Lynneth Whitten*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Jack and Marilyn Armstrong  
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

## *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).*

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
October 29, 2017

*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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