

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2017  
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.

“Elegy”

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Lee Triesenberg

The hour is coming, and now is,  
when true worshipers will worship the Father  
in spirit and truth,  
for such the Father seeks to worship him.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 559

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

\* Opening Prayer

Pam Johnston

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

Holy Source of New Life,  
you promise to set us free  
from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.  
You call us to have faith  
in your sustaining presence and power,  
but your call takes us beyond  
anything we can see or touch.  
We doubt that you can bring water  
to the dry places of our lives  
or replace our suffering with joy.  
Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. **Amen.**

Act of Praise  
“How Firm a Foundation”

Ainsworth Choir  
arr. Alice Parker

## *Proclamation and Response*

Children’s Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.*

New Testament Lesson  
Philippians 3:4b-16 (NLT)

Lee Triesenberg

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

Sermon  
Foundations: “Dead Man Walking?”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles’ Creed

Pam Johnston

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Pam Johnston

## *Responding to the Word*

The Lord's Prayer

Pam Johnston

**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.**

Offering of our Gifts

Lindsey Rueter, Soprano

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Linda Wells

\* 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

Pam Johnston

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 701

“When We All Get to Heaven”

HEAVEN

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*


“March” (from Richard III)

William Walton

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Pat Crowe, Organist  
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Lee Triesenberg, Lay Reader  
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte  
Matt Newberry, Crucifer  
Isabella Ewing & Henry McClure, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the members of the Confirmation Class  
by Waverly and Beth Golson.*

**Opening Voluntary**

*The term "elegy" is defined as "a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead." Like their poet counterparts, musicians have adopted this form, by composing musical elegies in response to times of tragedy, death, and mourning. Healey Willan dedicated his Elegy "in memory of a great artist, a valued friend and fellow student." Today, this Elegy serves in memory of those who died in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1st, 2017, in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history. May this work serve us as an embrace of comfort and peace during this time of national mourning.*

## *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).*

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
October 8, 2017*

**Today's Sermon**

Foundations: "Dead Man Walking?"

**Today's Scripture**

Philippians 3:4b-16 (NLT) (Selected Verses)

4b I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! ... 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! ... 15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. 16 But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

**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) and click on "Sermons".*