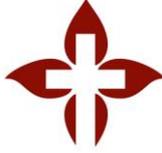


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

“Elegy”

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Pam Johnston

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!

* Hymn of Praise 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.**

**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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 701
"When We All Get to Heaven"

HEAVEN

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Pat Crowe, Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of my parents
Eunice and Charles Brown and my brother L. E. Brown
by Charleen Brown Cotton.*

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 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.

*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 and click on "Sermons".