

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 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.

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship

Austin Carter

Come, let us bow before the holy One.
Come, let us confess God's might.
Come let us feel God's mercy.
Come, let us live in God's light.
As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.
Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

* Entrance Hymn No. 160
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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* Opening Prayer

Pam Johnston

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

Gracious Lord,
how shall we do your will today?
Will it be in acts of praise,
in gifts shared,
in prayers lifted?
Who will you lead us to serve?
Help us trust you.
Help us listen.
Bless this community
as we come together in worship.
Encourage us, comfort us, unite us,
make our joy complete. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Ainsworth Choir
David Giardiniere

Caroline Josie Heuman
Daughter of Nick and Ashley Heuman

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 Caroline
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 Caroline 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

New Testament Lesson

Austin Carter

Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

Foundations: "The Holy Catholic Church"

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Pam Johnston

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.**

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Pam Johnston

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

Pam Johnston

**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

Pam Johnston

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13
Sung responses. Musical Setting C.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

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.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 168
"At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

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

"Trumpet Tune" Flor Peeters

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Austin Carter, Lay Reader
Ben & Kris Vaughn, Lay Communion Servers
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte
Graham Johnston, Communion Steward
Jake Jamison, Crucifer
Campbell Ann Sellers & Elizabeth Sellers, Candlelighters*

*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God
by the Flower Guild.*

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
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Today's Sermon

Foundations: "The Holy Catholic Church"

Today's Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV)

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon Notes

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