

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship

Pam Johnston

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!

* Hymn of Praise No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

* 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.**

* 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.**

New Testament Lesson
Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV)

Pam Johnston

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

Sermon
Foundations: "The Holy Catholic Church"

Rev. Jeff Cook

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 Rev. Jeff Cook
Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 168
“At the Name of Jesus”

KING’S WESTON

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Pat Crowe, Organist

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.

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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, ⁸he 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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