

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2017  
Nine O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

“Air”

Gerre Hancock

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Unless the Lord builds the house  
**they labour in vain who build it.**  
Unless the Lord protects the city  
**the Watchers guard it in vain.**  
Our hope is found in Jesus Christ  
**God's stumbling block and corner stone.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Be present, Spirit of God, within us,  
your dwelling place and home.  
Bless our houses and make them homes  
full of generous welcome for all who visit,  
brimming with warmth and contentment  
for family and friends.  
Overflowing with hospitality and nourishing provision.  
A haven for safety and peace in night and day  
and a place of refreshment, of growth and happiness.  
May the Lord bless our houses  
and make them homes filled with His love. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson  
Psalm 127 (NIV)

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

It Starts at Home: "Fight for Your Home"

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Offering of our Gifts

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

\* Hymn of Discipleship

“Bless the Four Corners of This House”

LAND OF REST

**Bless the four corners of this house,  
and be the lintel blest;  
and bless the heart, and bless the board,  
and bless each place of rest.**

**And bless the door that opens wide  
to stranger, as to kin;  
and bless each crystal windowpane  
that lets the starlight in.**

**And bless the roof-tree overhead,  
and every sturdy wall.  
The peace of all the peace of God,  
the peace of love on all.**

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
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 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).*

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**Today's Sermon**

It Starts at Home: "Fight for Your Home"

**Today's Scripture**

Psalm 127 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.

<sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—

for he grants sleep to those he loves.

<sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man

whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame

when they contend with their opponents in court.

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

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please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on "Listen" on top right.*