

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 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”

John Ireland

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

We sing and speak your praise, O God,  
grateful for the many ways

**in which you have healed us.**

Keep our hearts, our minds,  
and our spirits open to learn ways

**in which we can offer healing love for others.**

\* Hymn of Praise Hymn No. 390

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

DETROIT

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

When we have missed the mark,  
and tears of anguish flow,  
how can you still release us from the debt we owe  
and from our guilt?

The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.  
Christ intercedes, as a priest who shares our human pain.  
Our spirits are weighed down by our guilt and fear.  
Darkness surrounds us daily.

Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,  
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?  
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.  
May we forgive, O God, as you forgive our sin.  
Lord, in your mercy you have forgiven  
and restored us.

**Thank you, gracious God,  
for seeing the good in us and healing our lives.  
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.**

Act of Praise  
"Appalachia"

Pat Crowe  
Howard Helvey

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

\* Doxology

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**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.**

\* New Testament Lesson

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Foundations: "Why Should I Believe This Story?"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 368

"My Hope is Built"

THE SOLID ROCK

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*

*Pat Crowe, Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dr. C. R. Price by Yetta Price.*

## ***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**

Foundations: "Why Should I Believe This Story?"

**Today's Scripture**

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

**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.*