



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown
Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life.*



The Church at Worship SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22, 2025 | Eleven O'clock

Welcome to Mulberry Street UMC!

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP!

We are a church on a mission to share the heart of God from the heart of downtown Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life. Methodists have been worshipping Father, Son, & Holy Spirit on this corner since 1826.

You are invited to become a living part of this vital congregation.
Check out the back of the bulletin to see the news of the church!

CONNECT WITH US

Please fill out a Connection Card found in the back of the pew if you are visiting with us, would like to sign up for upcoming events, have a prayer request, or need to update your contact information.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please find an usher to receive a welcome gift!

We invite you to visit us at mulberrymethodist.org.

Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!

Visit bit.ly/mul-news to sign up.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is livestreamed on Facebook. You can download the Sunday bulletin at mulberrymethodist.org/worship/bulletins.

GIVING

You can make your offering to God by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give or by scanning the QR code, which will take you directly to our church's secure giving website.



ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing Assistive devices are available and can be found in the narthex by the usher station. Please ask an usher for assistance locating them.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charlie and Linda Cloaninger, given by Tim and Melissa Anderson

The artwork on the cover is "Gust of Wind" by Gustave Courbet.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55610>

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on “Hyfrydol”

arr. John A. Behnke

Welcome & News of the Church

Rev. Payton Stone

Greeting & Call to Worship

Sam Henley

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:
it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:
it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:
it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Children 5th grade and under are invited to leave for Godly Play at this time.
Children may be picked up on the 2nd Floor in the Godly Play classroom after the service.

* Opening Hymn No. 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Sam Henley

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.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.**

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Psalms 42 (Pew Bible pg 447)

Sam Henley

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

* Hymn No. 141

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Anthem

Seek Him

Bradley Harris

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion.
Seek him who turns deep darkness into morning,
and darkens the day into night.
Who calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out on the face of the earth.
Seek him. Seek him.

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion.
Seek him who turns deep darkness into morning:
The Lord is his name.
Seek him. Seek him.
- Amos 5:8

Second Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15 (Pew Bible pg 284)

Rev. Stone

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“When the Fire Goes Out”

Morning Prayer When prompted, the congregation responds: Rev. Stone
God of rest and provision, **hear our prayer.**

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 & Gifts

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

You can make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give or in the offering plate.

* Doxology

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.

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* Closing Hymn No. 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERSTWYTH

Closing Voluntary

In Christ There is No East or West

arr. Gilbert M. Martin



News of the Church

Wednesday Night Worship & Prayer | July 2 | 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ancient prayer practices meet modern styles of worship. Join us as we explore what it means to pray in many different ways, including prayer stations, guided meditations, journaling and more. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm and worship begins at 6:15.

Purchase Macon Bacon Tickets! | July 25 | 7 pm game

Mulberry is headed back to the ballgame - join us on July 25 for Country Night at the Macon Bacon! Each ticket includes free hamburgers, chips and a drink. Tickets are \$17 each, and for every ticket purchased here, the church will receive \$5 back for our Family Ministries! Support our kids & youth while cheering on the Bacon! Purchase at bit.ly/mulbacon25 or scan the QR code.



Keep up with us online!



Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!
To sign up, visit bit.ly/mulnews or scan the QR code.

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at **@MulberryMethodist**

Visit our website at mulberrymethodist.org for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

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REV. PAYTON STONE

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DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

SAM HENLEY

Lay Liturgist

A Bicentennial Moment

In anticipation of Mulberry's upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in 2026, the Leonard Hill Cochran Historical Room presents a moment of Mulberry history:

Excerpts from The Board of Stewards meeting, January 24, 1913

The meeting of the Board was called for this date at 7:30 in the evening. The treasurer submitted his report as shown below:

Cash on hand	\$ 180.66
Payments on assessments	\$ 1094.09
Loose change	\$ 90.26
	\$ 1365.81
Sundry bills & salaries	\$ 702.61
Repairs on church & parsonage	\$ 661.70
Cash on hand	\$ 1.50
	\$ 1365.81
Notes outstanding	\$ 400.00
Bills due 2/1/13	\$ 600.00

The finance committee approved bills amounting to \$53.30. This committee asked the privilege of borrowing money during the year, not to exceed \$1500.00 in outstanding notes.

The chairman of the Property committee stated that the spire and steeple were in needs of repairs and that pipes in the basement should be insulated. He was requested to defer action for the present.

The Pastor read a list of sixty new additions to the church and announced that he had made tentative plans for a revival in March.

Season of Ordinary Time

The season of Ordinary Time emphasizes the church living & witnessing in the world. The color of the paraments is green to represent the church's growth & presence.



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Office Hours M-Th 8:30am - 5pm