



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## The Church at Worship THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*June 29, 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](http://mulberrymethodist.org).

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

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

### GIVING

You can make your offering to God by visiting [mulberrymethodist.org/give](http://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 loving memory of Mr. Andrew J. Lyndon.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Looking Back" by James Tissot.  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56180>*

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



## *Entrance & Praise*

Opening Voluntary      My Shepherd, You Supply My Need      arr. Gordon Young

Welcome & News of the Church      Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Greeting & Call to Worship      Rev. Hinshaw

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

In the calm waters of the ponds and lakes  
and in the bouncing waters of the rivers and seas,

**you make a path, O God of wonders.**

In the gentle breezes of morn and eve  
and in the unsettling gusts of the whirlwinds  
**you make a path, O God of wonders.**

We come to praise you, O God of wonder,  
knowing that in the quiet and in the chaos of our lives,  
you will make a path.

**Be present in our midst!**

**We come to worship you, O God of miraculous, surprising love!**

Adapted from [Calltoworshipjournal.org](http://Calltoworshipjournal.org)

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. 101      From All That Dwell Below the Skies      DUKE STREET

\* Affirmation of Faith      The Apostle's Creed      Rev. Hinshaw

**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.

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*Proclamation & Response*

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First Reading

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 (Pew Bible pg 290)

Rev. Hinshaw

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

## Congregational Prayer

God of life and love, we often feel alone in a world that seems uncertain and threatening. We want to speak but don't know what to say. We want to act, but don't know what to do. We want your power! In these challenging days give us steady strength and determined courage to pick up the prophetic mantle. Give us bold faith so that we can give witness to the love of Jesus in our homes, our neighborhoods and our world. In your name, Amen.

## Anthem

## This Is My Song

arr. Terre Johnson

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my song for those who live in darkness;  
where warring tribes choose conquest over peace,  
where lives of joy and purpose seem illusive,  
where hatred reigns toward powerless and least.  
This is my song till morning breaks with justice,  
a song of light, till dark divisions cease.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:  
let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's people draw together,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;  
my self I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

- st. 1&2 - Lloyd Stone; st. 3 - Terre Johnson; st. 4 - Georgia Harkness

## \* Second Reading

## Luke 9: 57-62 (Pew Bible pg 843)

Graham Hinshaw

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

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| Sermon         | “I Want a Double Portion”            | Rev. Hinshaw               |
| Solo           | Give Me Jesus<br>Luke Baker, soloist | Spiritual, Arr. Mark Hayes |
| Morning Prayer |                                      | Rev. Hinshaw               |

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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| Offertory  | Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen | arr. Gilbert M. Martin |
| You can make your offering to God online by visiting <a href="http://mulberrymethodist.org/give">mulberrymethodist.org/give</a><br>or in the offering plate. |                                     |                        |

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| * Doxology | Praise God from whom all blessings flow;<br>praise him, all creatures here below;<br>praise him above, ye heavenly host;<br>praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. | OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> |
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*Sending Forth*

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| * Closing Hymn No. 703        | Swing Low, Sweet Chariot | SWING LOW         |
| * Benediction & Sending Forth |                          | Rev. Hinshaw      |
| Closing Voluntary             | Postlude on St. Anne     | arr. Haley Willan |



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Church Office Closed | Thursday, July 3**

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours will resume Monday, July 7.

### **Second Sunday Summer Salads Lunch | July 13 | Fellowship Hall**

Our July Second Sunday Lunch will be a fundraiser for United Women of Faith Missions. Bring your favorite salad to share - drinks, sandwiches and crackers provided, as well as a Make-Your-Own Sundae Bar!

### **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](http://bit.ly/mulbacon25) or scan the QR code.



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### *Keep up with us online!*

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

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Guest Preacher

**GRAHAM HINSHAW**

Lay Reader

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*A Bicentennial Moment*

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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 Macon Telegraph Newspaper, Sunday, April 4, 1926**

Program is Complete for Mulberry Street Church Centennial

Celebration To Begin Next Tuesday Night.

Observance Will Be City-Wide, Former Pastors To Take Leading Parts. Event To Run For Week.

Church to Erect New Building: Beginning Campaign During Celebration.

The Centennial celebration of Mulberry Street Methodist Church will mark one of the outstanding events in Georgia Methodism as well as the history of Macon. Here was cradled the first activities of the Methodists in the middle Georgia conference which met here in 1831. Beginning with a society of 18 members, three of which were men, Mulberry Street Methodist today numbers approximately 2,300 members.

During the week pastors prominent in the history of the church will return to take part in the celebration which is city-wide and congregations and ministers of not only the various Methodist churches but also the Protestant denominations of the city will meet each evening from Tuesday through Sunday to participate.

The Centennial will mark the beginning of an effort to build a new Sunday School building to take care of the large Sunday school attendance.

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*Season of Ordinary Time*

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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