



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown Macon.



The Church at Worship

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026 | 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. This year we are celebrating 200 years of this Church worshipping on this corner of First & Mulberry. To learn more about our Bicentennial year and how we're celebrating this milestone, visit mulberrymethodist.org/bicentennial.

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.

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 & YouTube. You can download the Sunday bulletin at mulberrymethodist.org/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.

For information or comments on accessibility, contact Hunter Godsey at hgodsey@mulberrymethodist.org.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of
Louise Smith Kennington and Russ Kennington
given by John & Charlotte Kennington.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Call of the Sons of Zebedee" by Marco Basaiti.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Morning Has Broken

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome & News of the Church

Rev. Jack Varnell & Rev. Payton Stone

Greeting & Call to Worship

Rev. Stone

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The God who made you invites you into his presence this day.

We come to worship the living God, maker of heaven and earth!

The God who loves you calls you to find your rest in him.

We come to find our true rest and peace in Christ.

The God who saved you calls you into the life of discipleship.

We come to grow as disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn No. 62

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Stone

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.

* Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**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

Psalm 100 (*Pew Bible pg 481*)

Rev. Stone

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he
that made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks
to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for
ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

Anthem

Old Time Religion
Sierra Sanders, Soloist

Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan

Refrain:

Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.

Verses:

It was good for the Hebrew children...
It was good for Paul and Silas...
It was good for my grandmother...

* Second Reading

Matthew 4:17-5:2 (Pew Bible pg 785)

Rev. Varnell

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them.

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

Sermon

"Moving Into Discipleship"

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

Rev. Stone

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

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is Lyrics: by Henry W. Baker
Music: by Felix Mendelssohn

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
The King of love my Shepherd is,
His goodness faileth never

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
The King of love my Shepherd is,
His goodness faileth never

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

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or in the offering plate.

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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.**

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn No. 188

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Lloyd Larson



News of the Church

June Second Sunday Lunch | June 14 | Fellowship Hall | 12:00 pm

We will meet on Sunday, June 14 for our monthly potluck lunch! Immediately following worship, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this monthly time sharing a meal together. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, or just bring yourself!

Summer of Psalms Sunday School Class | Through July 5

Join us for a five-week walk through the Psalms as we explore everything from joyful worship to sorrowful lament and see how we can model in our modern lives how the psalmists cried out to God. This class will be led by Julia Magda and will meet on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Mustard Seed classroom at the church from June 7 to July 5. No book to purchase; bring your own Bible or we'll have some to share as well.

Mulberry Book Club Monthly Dinner & Discussion | Begins June 24

The Mulberry Book Club is moving to monthly meetings for dinner & book discussion. On Wednesday, June 24, the Book Club will meet at the Magda home for a discussion on *Dear Judas*, which “reimagines the themes of C.S. Lewis’s *The Screwtape Letters*, exploring the tension between good and evil, along with thought-provoking apologetic elements, in a contemporary setting.”

Sign up on Realm or call the church office!

Keep up with us online!



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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!

REV. JACK VARNELL

Senior Pastor

REV. PAYTON STONE

Associate Pastor

ELISA REECE

Director of Family Ministries

DR. TERRE JOHNSON

Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

EMILY CARROLL

RUTH STANSFIELD

Acolytes

————— *A Bicentennial Moment* —————

In conjunction with Mulberry's 2026 Bicentennial Celebration, the Leonard Hill Cochran Historical Room presents a moment of Mulberry history.

Carolyn Kennedy Dominy, Church Historian

From 1826 to 1926, Mulberry Street United Methodist Church worshipped in four different architectural buildings. Below are names of the committees for each of those buildings.

The Methodist Society was formed in 1826 and the first church was built 1826-1828.

Building Committee: Thomas Gardner, Pastor; Alexander Richards, Elbert Crews

The second building was erected 1859 – 1850.

Building Committee: W. R. Branham, Pastor; C. W. Raines, B. F. Ross, R. A. Smith, M. E. Rylander, R. B. Washington

The third building was erected 1882 – 1883.

Building Committee: J.O.A. Cook, Pastor; N. T. Johnson, W. R. Singleton, Emory Winship, W. R. Rogers, S. S. Dunlap, J. F. Hanson, A. G. Butts, W. G. Solomon, J. M. Jones

The third church building was remodeled and the Sunday School annex added in 1891-1896.

Building Committee: Alonzo Monk, Pastor; S. S. Dunlap, W. G. Solomon, Issac Hardeman, G. R. Glenn, R. E. Park, G. S. Jones, W. B. Hill, L. Clay

In 1926, the Centennial Building was erected with a new Educational Building for Sunday School and remodeling of the exterior of the sanctuary building. It began under the pastorate of Walter Anthony and was completed under the pastorate of Charles R. Jenkins.

Building Committee: Orville A. Park, General Chairman, James Hyde Porter, Warren Roberts, W. R. Rogers, Louse A Burghard, Walter K. Greene, Giles G. Hardeman, J. Persons Heath, Charles B. Lewis, R. Holmes Mason, Robert L. McKennedy, J. B. Riley.

————— *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