



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## The Church at Worship FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*June 21, 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](http://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](http://mulberrymethodist.org).

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

Visit [bit.ly/mul-news](http://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](http://mulberrymethodist.org/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.

For information or comments on accessibility, contact Hunter Godsey at [hgodsey@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:hgodsey@mulberrymethodist.org).

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Gloria & Maurice Wynn by their granddaughters:  
Katie Griffis, Kelli Wynn Muller, and Ashley Wynn Pendas.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Sermon on the Mount" by Friedrich Karl Hermann von Uhde.  
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\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



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*Proclamation & Response*

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First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11 (Pew Bible pg 603)

Rev. Stone

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, to comfort all who mourn; to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

You shall be called the priests of the Lord, men shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion, instead of dishonor you shall rejoice in your lot; therefore in your land you shall possess a double portion; yours shall be everlasting joy. For I the Lord love justice. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

\* Hymn No. 397

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

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Anthem

*No Time*      Camp Meeting Song, arr. Brumfield

Rise, oh fathers, rise, let's go meet Him in the sky.  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.  
O I really do believe that just before the end of time  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.

Rise, oh mothers, rise, let's go meet Him in the sky.  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.  
O I really do believe that just before the end of time  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.

No time to tarry here, no time to wait for you,  
No time to tarry here, for I'm on my journey home.

Brothers, oh fare you well, brothers, oh fare you well,  
Brothers, oh fare you well, for I'm on my journey home.  
Sisters, oh fare you well, sisters, oh fare you well,  
Sisters, oh fare you well, for I'm on my journey home.

Rise, oh fathers, rise, Rise, Oh fathers, rise,  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.  
Rise, oh fathers, rise, journey home, Oh mothers,  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.

No time to tarry here, no time to wait for you,  
No time to tarry here, for I'm on my journey home.

O I really do believe that just before the end of time  
We will hear the angels singing in that morning.

\* Second Reading

Matthew 5:3-9 (*Pew Bible pg 785*)

Rev. Varnell

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

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

Sermon

“The Blessed Life”

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.**

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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Offertory

*Of Foreign Lands and Peoples*  
from “Scenes from Childhood” Op. 15, No. 1

Robert Schumann

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or in the offering plate.

\* 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.

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*Sending Forth*

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\* Closing Hymn No. 396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Don Wyrzten



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Wesley Glen Sunday | Donate online at [wesleyglenministries.com](http://wesleyglenministries.com)**

Father's Day is Wesley Glen Day! Your gift supporting this ministry makes a difference in the lives of people with intellectual & developmental disabilities, through support from skilled staff, empowerment through new experiences, and more! You can give online at [wesleyglenministries.com](http://wesleyglenministries.com) or by check mailed to: Wesley Glen Ministries, 4580 N Mumford Rd, Macon, GA 31210.

### **Youth Mission Trip Heads Out Tuesday!**

Pray for our youth & volunteers this week as they travel to Birmingham, AL for their summer mission trip! They will be working with Harvest of Hope, which is designed to educate participants about the domestic & global hunger problem and get their hands dirty in the fields to glean and rescue food.

### **Faith & Film Sunday School Class | 5-week Study starting July 19**

Join us for a 5-week journey exploring the intersection of storytelling and spirituality in our upcoming "Faith and Film" Sunday School class! Each week, participants will watch a film on their own, and during class, we will engage in insightful discussions that bridge cinematic narratives with theological reflection. We will kick off our series with a modern classic—*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

### **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*." Sign up on Realm or call the church office!

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## *Keep up with us online!*

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Visit our website at [mulberrymethodist.org](http://mulberrymethodist.org) for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

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**BEN MORRIS**

Crucifer

**DREW MORRIS**

**& WILL MAGDA**

Candle Lighters

————— *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

**On March 31, 1968, Mulberry's new sanctuary opened for worship the first time since the April 1965 Fire. Below are excerpts from the printed program written by Ella Mae Ellis League:**

Fire destroyed the interior of the church in 1965 but fortunately the exterior was relatively undamaged. The old entrance doors have been re-used, grouped in the center, leading into the enlarged vestibule. The travertine marble floor of the narthex has a mosaic design, the Crown of Thorns, symbolizing God's sacrifice for us in Christ.

The 1st impression upon entering the church is [...] the steeply sloped ceiling rises to a height of over 50 feet along the central axis of the church. The choir is located at each side in the raised chancel, as are the pulpit and lectern. A high vaulted apse is located beyond the chancel, giving the impression of greater length to the church. Here is the altar table, the focal point in our church. It is a simple and straightforward design in cream-white Italian marble. A pair of tall candle holders are immediately behind the altar with a large brass cross hung from above.

The church is rich in Gothic detailing in the warm, deep colored oak woodwork. Large hammer beams at the ceiling contrast with the open tracery of the communion rail, choir screen, and balcony railing. There has been a careful selection of materials, colors and detailing of the entire renovation.

————— *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