



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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 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 by the Mulberry Scampers in loving memory of our past leaders and members who left a legacy of Christian family camping and fellowship for present and future generations.

*The artwork on the cover is "Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law" by Rembrandt.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57481>*

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on *Lauda Anima*

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

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.

To the Holy One who conquers evil and sin,
We give you praise, O Lord.

To the Holy One who fills us with strength and peace,
We worship you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

And to the Holy One who never leaves us nor forsakes us,
We open our hearts to you this day – come and do a mighty work in us!

*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. 126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Hannah Pye

**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

Isaiah 40:25, 28-31 (Pew Bible pg 582)

Rev. Pye

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

* Hymn No. 163

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary
Till your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

-traditional Spiritual

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath; and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word was with authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ah! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And reports of him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And he arose and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they besought him for her. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her; and immediately she rose and served them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them, and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day he departed and went into a lonely place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them; but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose."

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

Sermon

"Command and Conquer"

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

Rev. Pye

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

II. “Adagio” from Organ Sonata no. 1 Op. 65 Félix Mendelssohn

*You can make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give
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.**

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn No. 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Jubilation

Jason D. Payne



News of the Church

Tour the Mulberry Organ with Daniel | Today | Following worship

Today after worship, our organist Daniel McIntosh will be leading a tour of Mulberry's organ. Meet at the front of the sanctuary following worship to get a behind-the-scenes view of our beautiful organ!

School Supply Drive for Back-to-School Sunday | through August 10

As part of our Back-to-School celebrations, our Family Ministries team is holding a school supply drive! Donations can be dropped off in the marked bins in the atrium. Supplies include: composition notebooks, wide-ruled paper, copy paper, #2 pencils, colored pencil packs, glue sticks, pink erasers, Sharpies, highlighters. A complete list of supplies can be found in the online newsletter.

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!



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

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DR. TERRE JOHNSON

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DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

REV. HANNAH PYE

Wesley of Macon Director

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:*

**Report from the Recreational Committee
July 26, 1965:**

The glorious and carefree days of summer have resulted in quite a bit of activity in the Recreational Department. The full recreational program for Vacation Church School was handled by Mr. Bob Ayers.

A Fun Days program, running from Tuesday – Friday of each week, was participated in by 30 children ranging from 7 to 12 years. Activities included visits to The Forestry Center, industrial plants, and swimming at the YMCA. A program in crafts, puppet shows, and games was also instituted at the Youth Center.

The Family Camping Program, originally set up for July 4th, has been postponed until August 7th and 8th and will be held at Pine Mountain. Nine families have already signed up.

The last big summer event for the Recreational Department will be Youth Activities Week, and elaborate plans are being developed to make this an outstanding occasion.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam P. Lamback, Chairman.

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