



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 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 in memory of Louise Smith Kennington and Russ Kennington given by John & Charlotte Kennington.

*The artwork on the cover is "Veni Sancti Spiritus" by Adam Kossowski.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation

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.

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Romans 8:6-11 (Pew Bible pg 919)

Rev. Stone

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

* Hymn No. 500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
 Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
 And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;
 And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be;
 Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
 And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear;
 And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be;
 Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
 Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
 And whatever I can be, Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
 Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
 Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

- Thomas T. Lynch, based upon Ez. 36:27; Gal. 5:16-25

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

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

Pastorale

Richard I. Purvis

You can make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give
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. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Italian Hymn

arr. Albert L Travis



News of the Church

June Second Sunday Lunch & Service Project | Today after Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship today for our monthly potluck lunch! We will share a meal together, and after we eat, everyone is invited to help our Family Ministries Team prepare for Vacation Bible School! Projects will include preparing kits for the craft station, preparing decorations, and more! There will be a Safe Sanctuaries training for VBS volunteers after lunch.

Vacation Bible School 2025 | June 16-20

9:00am - 12:00pm M-F | PreK (4) - 5th Grade | This year for VBS, we're going on a Road Trip! Together with the Navigator and his buddy Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them, based on Joshua 1:9 - "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Contact Elisa Reece with questions or to volunteer! Register kids at bit.ly/mulvbs25.

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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THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

————— *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:*

**The following was submitted by Cubbedge
Snow, Jr., May, 25 1964 regarding The Youth
Center to the Board of Stewards:**

Since November 1 which is the start of our fiscal year, 3,289 memberships have been purchased. This represents 2,200 children who were served during our Friday, Saturday a.m. and Saturday p. m. programs.

The program at the center will shift the 1st of June to the summer schedule. Due to the closing of the swimming pool at Baconsfield this schedule is not completed but temporary plans are being formulated. The Mulberry seniors will have party night every Wednesday. Play days for Sunday School children 8 to 12 years will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 3:30 with trips, crafts, swimming and movie features. The regular Friday and Saturday programs will continue except lunch will not be served on Saturday mornings.

Mr. Ayers has been of great service to the Joy Class this year helping with their parties. He also has been very cooperative in helping the Sunday School with Harvest Days and other functions and has also been very helpful in assisting with the Music Department Productions.

————— *Pentecost Sunday* —————

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the story in Acts 2 of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in a special way. The paraments in the sanctuary are red to represent the tongues of fire coming over people as the Holy Spirit was poured out over people from all over the world.


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