



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024 | 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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Roberts.

The single rose bud on the altar is given in celebration of the birth of Alexander "Xander" Malcolm Stone, born August 27, 2024 to Payton & Mallory Stone.

*The artwork on the cover is "Christ Walking on the Water" by Philipp Otto Runge.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59351>*

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. David H. Hegarty

Welcome & News of the Church Rev. Jack Varnell

Greeting & Call to Worship Jenny Walker

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We take time today to declare who God is:

You are the God of all creation, giver of life and salvation.

We take time today to declare God's greatness:

You are the God of power and might.

We take time today to declare what kind of God you are:

You are the God of steadfast love, mercy, and compassion.

We take time today to declare who we are:

We are your faithful followers, and we worship you this day!

* Opening Hymn No. 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Jenny Walker

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.**

Children’s Moment

Elisa Reece

*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

Job 9:1-10 (Pew Bible pg 398)

Jenny Walker

¹Then Job answered: ²“Truly I know that it is so; but how can a man be just before God? ³If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. ⁴He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength—⁵he who removes mountains, and they know it not, ⁶who shakes the earth out of its place, ⁷who commands the sun; who seals up the stars; ⁸who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; ⁹who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; ¹⁰who does great things beyond understanding, and marvelous things without number.”

* Hymn No. 157

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

Anthem

Seek Him

Bradley Harris

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion,
Seek him who turns deep darkness into morning,
and darkens the day into night.

Who calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out on the face of the earth.
Seek him.

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion,
Seek him who turns deep darkness into morning:
The Lord is his name.
Seek him.

- Amos 5:8

²² Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; ³⁰ but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon

"Taking Control of Fear"

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

Rev. Varnell

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

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. 132

All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

MICHAEL

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Jubilation

Jason D. Payne



News of the Church

Family Game Night | TONIGHT - September 15 | 4 pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us tonight for a night of trivia & games hosted by our Family Ministries. Put your knowledge to the test, enjoy some friendly competition, and enjoy pizza, popcorn & great prizes for our winners!

Tour the Mulberry Organ with Daniel | Immediately following worship

Starting today after worship, our organist Daniel McIntosh will be offering tours of Mulberry's organ on the 3rd Sunday of every month! Meet at the front of the sanctuary following worship to get a behind-the-scenes view of our beautiful organ, get to know Daniel, and show support for our music ministry.

Blessing of the Animals | Sunday, September 29 | 5:30 pm | Courtyard

Bring your furry friends for this special service, where we will bless them and thank God together for their presence in our lives! All creatures big and small are welcome, so join us on Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 in the Mulberry Courtyard!

Worship & Prayer | Wednesday, October 2 | 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Worship & Prayer begins again October 2! Start your month with this time of intentional contemplation, prayer, and music. We will meet at 5:30 for dinner, and the service begins at 6:00.

Keep up with us online!



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You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at [@MulberryMethodist](https://www.instagram.com/MulberryMethodist)

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

REV. JACK VARNELL

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REV. PAYTON STONE

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THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

JENNY WALKER

Lay Liturgist

HENRY CARTER

Crucifer

JACK CARTER

Candle Lighter

— *About Our Worship* —

Worship begins with God. When we gather for worship, God meets us and speaks to us, and we listen to God and respond. At Mulberry, our order of worship (liturgy) is divided into four movements.

In our “**Entrance and Praise**,” we come together in response to God’s invitation and prepare ourselves to hear God’s Word.

In our “**Proclamation and Response**” we are addressed by God through Scripture and our musical anthem; in this movement, we listen to readings from the Bible as well as a sermon, wherein God’s word is interpreted for the gathered community.

Once a month, we participate in “**Thanksgiving and Communion**.” In this movement, we come to the Table to celebrate what God has done in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we’re nourished by the special outpouring of grace offered in this sacred act.

The fourth and final movement is the “**Sending Forth**,” where we are blessed and sent into the world to share the heart of God with a world in need.

— *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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