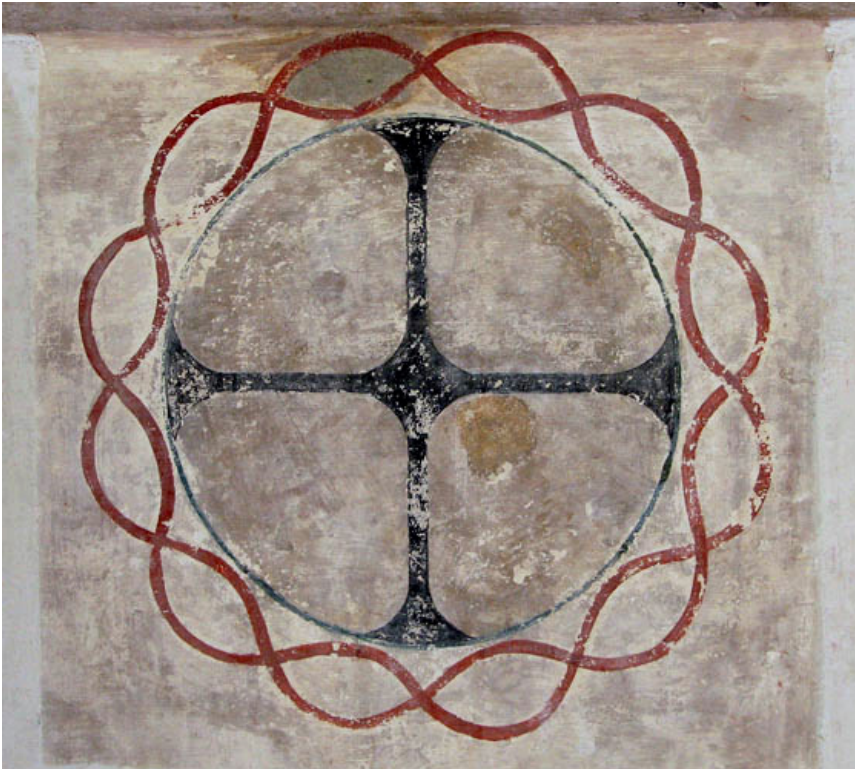


# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown  
Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life.*



## The Church at Worship

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*September 29, 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.

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Estelle Stevens Mason, mother, and Dr. R. Holmes Mason, father of Emily Estelle Mason Clisby.*

*The artwork on the cover is a fresco of a Consecration Cross.  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55037>*

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



\* Gloria Patri

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**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.*

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*Proclamation & Response*

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First Reading

Romans 8:14-17 (Pew Bible pg 919)

Stephanie Henson

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

\* Hymn No. 191

*Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

Anthem

*Christ Be With Me*

Terre Johnson

Christ be with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.  
Christ on my right side, Christ on my left side,  
When I lie down, when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise.  
Amen.

- St. Patrick's Breastplate

Second Reading

Hosea 1:10 (*Pew Bible pg 730*)

Rev. Jack Varnell

<sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

Sermon

"God Loves Soap Operas"

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.**

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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Offertory

*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

arr. Albert L. Travis

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\* 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. 378

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on *Nettleton*

arr. Daniel McIntosh



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Blessing of the Animals | Tonight | 5:30 pm | Courtyard**

Join us tonight! Bring your furry friends for this special service, where we will bless them and thank God together for their presence in our lives! Even if you don't have pets, you are still invited to come celebrate the glory of God's creation with us. All creatures big and small are welcome, so join us this evening at 5:30 in the Mulberry Courtyard!

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

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

### **Fall Festival - Volunteer to Help! | Sunday, October 27**

Our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treating is just around the corner! This event is a fun outreach for Mulberry to connect with our local community. There are so many ways you can help make this event happen: donating candy, having a trunk to pass out candy, managing a game, and so much more! To volunteer, visit [bit.ly/mulfallfest24](https://bit.ly/mulfallfest24).

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### *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](https://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**

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**MILLIE THOMPSON**

*Director of Communications*

**THE AINSWORTH CHOIR**

**STEPHANIE HENSON**

*Lay Liturgist*

**WILL MAGDA**

*Crucifer*

**EMILY CARROLL**

*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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