



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 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 artwork on the cover is "Healing of a Leper" by Niels Larsen Stevns.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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.

Come, all who are longing for healing and peace.

God's love restores the weary and broken.

Hope is alive here in the presence of Christ.

Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

* Opening Hymn No. 121 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLY

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Rev. Stone

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.

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

Revelation 22:1-5 (Pew Bible pg 1008)

Rev. Stone

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

* Hymn

We Would See Jesus
(Please See Insert)

LONDONDERRY AIR

Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Luke Baker, soloist

Spiritual
Arr. William L. Dawson

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

Refrain

* Second Reading

Matthew 8:1-13 (Pew Bible pg 789)

Rev. Varnell

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to the people."

As he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

Sermon

"The Wondrous Healer"

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.

Offering of our Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

Offertory

by Florence B. Price

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. 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in d minor
BWV 554

Attributed to J.S Bach



News of the Church

Macon Volunteer Clinic Grand Opening | March 14 | 10 am

MVC has invited the community to join them for a Ribbon Cutting & Open House Celebration for their new location! Come support our community partner, and see the newly renovated building. Location: 770 Walnut Street, Macon GA.

Pick up a “Easter at Mulberry” Yard Signs!

It’s time to pull out your Easter yard signs and show off your Mulberry spirit! Help advertise our Easter schedule to your neighbors with the reusable yard signs we’ve had for the past few years. If you don’t have one, you can pick up a sign in the church office! Suggested donation \$15.

Sensory-Friendly Organ Concert | Friday, March 21 | 11 am | MSUMC Sanctuary

You are invited to join The Arc Macon, Wesley Glen, & River Edge for a Sensory Friendly Concert featuring organist Daniel McIntosh, that welcomes individuals of all abilities to enjoy a Classical Music Performance. Free admission! This will be a full 30-minute Organ performance, followed by a 30-minute meet and greet for questions and Organ demonstration.

Cherry Blossom Daily Organ Concerts | March 24-28 | 12 pm

Come hear 30 minute organ performances every day Monday through Friday of Cherry Blossom. Sponsored by the Macon Chapter of the American Guild of Organists & Mulberry Street UMC. Robert McCormick will give a special 40-minute performance on Friday.

Keep up with us online!



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

Visit our website at 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
Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH
Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON
Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

KATHERINE DENT
Crucifer

**CAROLINE DENT
& RAMZI HARLEY**
Candle Lighters

————— *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:*

**Minutes from The Board of Stewards Meeting,
June 6, 1905.**

The Treasurer's report was read and confirmed
showing:

Receipts since May 1st	\$932.14
Disbursements	<u>498.01</u>
Balance on hand	\$445.13

The stewards brought in \$17.60 in assessments.

The Church Property Committee reported that repairs to the extent of \$25 or \$30 were needed on the fence. A motion was made that this committee was authorized to tear down the board fence on First St. side and replace it with a picket fence, the old material thus obtained to be used to repairing fences in the rear. Also to paint the chimneys on the parsonage.

The pastor stated that, during the heated season, he would like to hold night services on the lawn, provided the Board would authorize to have electric lights installed for this purpose. On the motion of a member, this authority was granted.

Last, Bro. Cannon gave the board some facts and figures to building the balconies in the Church but no action was taken in the matter.

————— *Season of Lent* —————

Lent is a season of 40 days, not including Sundays, which leads to Easter. It is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for Easter celebration. The color of the paraments is purple to represent penitence and mourning.

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Office Hours M-Th 8:30am - 5pm

We Would See Jesus

J. Edgar Park

LONDONDERRY AIR



1. We would see Je - sus, lo! his star is shin - ing a - bove the
2. We would see Je - sus, on the moun - tain teach - ing, with all the
3. We would see Je - sus, in the earl - y morn - ing, still as of



sta - ble while the an - gels sing; there in a man - ger on the hay re -
lis - t'ning peo - ple gath - ered round; while birds and flow'rs and sky a - bove are
old he call - eth, "Fol - low me!" Let us a - rise, all mean - er ser - vice



clin - ing; haste, let us lay our gifts be - fore the King. We would see
preach - ing the bless - ed - ness which sim - ple trust has found. We would see
scorn - ing; Lord, we are thine, we give our - selves to thee. We would see



Je - sus, Mar - y's son most ho - ly, light of the vil - lage life from day to
Je - sus, in his work of heal - ing, at ev - en - tide be - fore the sun was
Je - sus, Sav - ior, Shep - herd, Cor - ner - stone, the Bread of Life, be - lov - ed Son of

12



day; shin - ing re - vealed through ev - ery task most
set; di - vine and hu - man in his deep re -
God! The ris - en Lord who claims me as his



low - ly, the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.
veal - ing of God made flesh, in lov - ing ser - vice met.
ver - y own bids me to fol - low where his feet have trod.