



# 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

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*November 10, 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 and in memory of Charles H. McCrary, Jr. and Mary S. McCrary by Anne McCrary.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Meander Map of the Mississippi River" by Harold Fisk.*

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



**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

Psalm 146 (Pew Bible pg 507)

Leslie Brown

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

\* Hymn No. 132

*All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded*

MICHAEL

Anthem

*Finish, Then, Thy New Creation*

Terre Johnson

O, how lovely is the dwelling of the Lord, Almighty God.  
Object of my deepest yearning, Presence of the living Lord.  
Heart and flesh cry out together for the ever-living One!  
Blest are those who share your dwelling, praising God for evermore.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy tender mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter our trembling hearts.  
Come, almighty, to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish, then, thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.  
- St. 1, *Terre Johnson* (based on Ps. 84:1-4); St. 2-4, *Charles Wesley*

Second Reading

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (Pew Bible pg 211)

Rev. Payton Stone

**3** Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup> Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup> She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

**4** <sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Sermon

“God Writes Long Stories”

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.**

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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Offertory

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Dale Wood

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\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. 399

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

MESSIAH

\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Stone

Closing Voluntary

*The Solid Rock*

arr. Don Hustad



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Second Sunday Lunch | Today after worship | Fellowship Hall**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for our monthly potluck lunch! Doug Scharp will have handmade wooden bowls and other woodwork items for sale during lunch - sales support Macon Outreach!

### **Stewardship Sunday | November 17**

Be sure to bring your filled out card to church to turn in on Sunday, November 17 for Stewardship Sunday! If you have not received a card yet, you can pick one up in the church office or the Narthex. You can also fill out a digital card or set up a recurring gift for next year at [mulberrymethodist.org/give](http://mulberrymethodist.org/give).

### **“T-shirts for Turkeys” for Macon Outreach | November 14 | 4-7 pm | Chick-Fil-A**

Radio Station JoyFM is sponsoring a “T-shirts for Turkeys” promotion to support Macon Outreach! They will be collecting frozen turkeys, grocery gift cards (\$10-25 each) and cash donations to go to Macon Outreach. Bring any of these items to the Chick-fil-a on Eisenhower Parkway to get a free t-shirt!

### **Macon Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | November 24 | 3 pm | High Street Church**

The Downtown Tapestry’s annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 24 at High Street UU Church. Join us for an evening of worship and service with other congregations in our community where we will give thanks for the many blessings in our lives.

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## *Keep up with us online!*

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Visit our website at [mulberrymethodist.org](http://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**

**LESLIE BROWN**

*Lay Liturgist*

**GEORGE DUNN**

*Crucifer*

**ELLIS BRIDGES & THOMAS DUNN**

*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:*

The Board of Stewards minutes dated October 9, 1947

George P. Rankin, Jr. advised that an air conditioned installation in the main auditorium would cost \$15,000.\* On the motion of Warren Roberts, duly seconded and carried, the Board endorsed the project to install this Air Conditioning System in the sanctuary before the hot weather in next year. Leo Huckabee was named as Chairman with power to select his own committee to secure funds for this installation."

\*\$15,000 in 2024 dollars is \$214,085

## — *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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