



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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 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 by the Mulberry Scampers in loving memory of our past leaders and members who left a legacy of Christian family camping and fellowship for present and future generations.

*The artwork on the cover is "David and Goliath" by John August Swanson.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56540>*

*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.**

Proclamation & Response

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9; 33-43 (UMH 830)

Lisa Shepard

* Hymn No. 73

O Worship the King

LYONS

Anthem

They Are Weak But He Is Strong

Terre Johnson

Blinded eyes will see again, rays of light allowed within;
Ears that waited silently soon will hear a song set free.

Damaged limbs will be restored, dancing, leaping evermore;
Voices stilled for far too long soon will offer joyful song.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

- adapted from Isaiah 35:5-6; "Jesus Loves Me" by Anna B. Warner

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17:32-47 (Pew Bible pg 228)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

³² David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' ³³ Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' ³⁴ But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and

took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.’ ³⁷ David said, ‘The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.’ So Saul said to David, ‘Go, and may the Lord be with you!’

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul’s sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, ‘I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.’ So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, ‘Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?’ And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, ‘Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.’ ⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand... so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.’

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

Sermon

“Handling Giants”

Dr. Harris

Morning Prayer

When prompted, the congregation responds:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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

Adagio in A minor

J. S. Bach

Make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give or in the offering plate.

* 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.**

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn

With Shaded Eyes and Voices Raised
(Please see insert)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Dr. Harris

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G major

J. S. Bach



News of the Church

Youth Kayaking Trip | July 28 | 2-5:30 pm

Please note the new date! Meet at & pick up at Shannon & David Morris' house. Please RSVP to Elisa to ensure enough kayaks & life vests.

Youth Service Project & Lunch | July 30 | 12:30 pm

The youth will meet for lunch & an afternoon of service on Tuesday, July 30! We will meet at the Rookery at 12:30, walk to the church after lunch, and then work down in Macon Outreach cleaning tables and chairs! Please RSVP to Elisa to let her know who all will join.

Back to School Sunday | August 11

We will celebrate the return to school on Sunday, August 11 during worship with a backpack blessing, Bible recognition, and a school supply drive. Following worship, we will have a special Second Sunday Lunch to celebrate our families and recognize our teachers of Sunday School, CCM, and school system!

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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Lay Liturgist

— *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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Office Hours M-Th 8:30am - 5pm

7 Q'S TO OPEN THE DOOR TO FAITH SHARING

What is something you absolutely want to do in life?

What is the best thing that's ever happened to you?

What is something you're most grateful for in life?

What is one of the most adventurous things you have ever done?

What is something you are missing in life right now?

What is something you'd like to see happen in the next year?

When you think of the future, what are you most excited about?



With Shaded Eyes and Voices Raised

Terre Johnson

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. With shaded eyes and voices raised, Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Sur -
2. The Lord of hosts, he e'er commands His le-gions vast, a - dor - ing; But
3. Now heav'n and earth re - jice as one, So full are they with glo - ry! From
4. "Ho - san - na to the Lamb on high!" Our high-est prais - es bring - ing, We

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round the throne in end-less day, Shout "Al - le - lu - ia" bold - ly. His
wag - ing peace and giv - ing life, His war con - founds the war - ring. With
north and south, from east and west All tell the Sav - ior's sto - ry: When
join the ev - er - last - ing hymn Of saints and an - gels sing - ing. For

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ra - diance drowns all dark - en - ing; His ma - jes - ty we
poor and hope - less in his train, His king - dom he re -
e - vil of - fered death and shame He con - quered by God's
wor - thy is the sin - less Son, His pow'r and glo - ry

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humb - ly sing, And praise his name for - ev - er.
stores a - gain, And ban - ish - es all e - vil.
ho - ly name, And rose to win the bat - tle.
dear - ly won! We praise his name for - ev - er!