



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
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 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 artwork on the cover is "Power of the Lord's Prayer" by Roman Sabatini.
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*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

Megan Smith

*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

Psalm 37 (Pew Bible pg 443)

Mary Catherine Miller

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Take delight in the Lord,
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
But the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that their day is coming.
The Lord knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will abide for ever;
Depart from evil, and do good;
so you shall abide for ever.
For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his faithful ones.

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
 Of the way you took and gave.
 You the everlasting instant;
 You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
 Stripped of might upon the cross,
 Shining in eternal glory,
 Beggared by a soldier's toss,
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
 Sit in power at God's side.
 You, who preach a way that's narrow,
 Have a love that reaches wide.
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
 Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
 Worthy your defeat and victory.
 Worthy still your peace and strife.
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are our death and life.

- Sylvia Dunstan

¹¹ "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?
¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Morning Prayer

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

No. 4 "Air"

Eric H. Thiman

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. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Italian Hymn

arr. Albert L. Travis



News of the Church

Tour the Mulberry Organ with Daniel | October 20 | Following worship

Next Sunday, our organist Daniel McIntosh will be leading a tour of Mulberry's organ. 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.

Mulberry Book Group | October 20 | 10 am | Parlor

This month's selection for the Mulberry Book Group is an imaginative short story about growth, resistance, brokenness, and redemption! Check the Realm group for more information or contact Julia Magda to learn how to get your copy of "Unstable Nativity." New folks are welcome every month!

All Hallows' Eve Organ Concert | Thursday, October 31 | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for an evening filled with the spooky sounds of the season! Mulberry organist Daniel McIntosh will perform a selection of pieces that evoke the spirit of All Hallows' Eve. Come hear music from *Interstellar*, *Oppenheimer*, Bach, and more - you won't want to miss this fun night of music!

TheoEd Macon | November 9 | 6:30 pm | Douglass Theatre

TheoEd, an initiative of Emory's Candler School of Theology, will be hosting an event in Macon that brings together leading thinkers in the church and academy to give brief, TED-style talks on God, mental health & spiritual wellness. This will be a great chance to hear from some leading religious voices from the Macon community and beyond! Mulberry is a sponsor of the event alongside several other Macon faith communities.

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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— *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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