



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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15, 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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers, William Arthur Smith and Stuart Jackson Nunnally
by Vaughan and Beth Smith.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Healing the Man Born Blind" by Annibale Carracci.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* arr. Wilbur Held

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.

God of love, we have come to worship you.

We praise you, O God, for your wonderful deeds.

God is on the move in this place and in our hearts.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Be open to the presence of God in this time of worship.

**We are open, we are receptive, and we are eager
to be transformed by the Holy One.**

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.

* Opening Hymn No. 126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

* 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.

* Gloria Patri GREATOREX

**Glorify 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

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible pg 578)

Rev. Stone

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God, He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

* Hymn

Blinded Eyes Will See Again
Please see insert

CHINA

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

- F. S. Pierpoint

And when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me."

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

Sermon

"The Marvelous Deeds of Jesus"

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

"A Prayer for Peace with Justice Sunday"

Rev. Stone

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others,
O Lord, deliver us.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,
O Lord, deliver us.

From trusting in the weapons of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace,
O Lord, deliver us.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations,
O Lord, deliver us.

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,
O Lord, deliver us.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred;
from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace,
O Lord, deliver us.

Amen.

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

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

arr. Dale Wood

You can 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 No. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on Nicaea

arr. Daniel McIntosh



News of the Church

Tour the Mulberry Organ with Daniel | Today | Following worship

Today after worship, 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!

Vacation Bible School 2025 | June 16-20

9:00am - 12:00pm M-F | PreK (4) - 5th Grade | This year for VBS, we're going on a Road Trip! Together with the Navigator and his buddy Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them, based on Joshua 1:9 - "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Contact Elisa Reece with questions or to volunteer! Register kids at bit.ly/mulvbs25.

Purchase Macon Bacon Tickets! | July 25 | 7 pm game

Mulberry is headed back to the ballgame - join us on July 25 for Country Night at the Macon Bacon! Each ticket includes free hamburgers, chips and a drink. Tickets are \$17 each, and for every ticket purchased here, the church will receive \$5 back for our Family Ministries! Support our kids & youth while cheering on the Bacon! Purchase at bit.ly/mulbacon25 or scan the QR code.



Keep up with us online!



Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!

To sign up, visit bit.ly/mulnews or scan the QR code.

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

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ELISA REECE

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DR. TERRE JOHNSON

Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

————— *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 below is dated November 14, 1963
Report to the Official Board from the Music
Department:**

Enrollment for all choirs in the church now stands at 168. The greatest growth has been in the adult department, with the Ainsworth Choir now divided into two groups - with one singing at 9:00 a.m. service in the chapel. This choir numbered 18 when we began working with them four years ago, now that number has doubled.

Our Choir Guild has nearly 70 paid members - an increase of 50 over a year ago.

All choirs of the church except the 4 and 5 yr. olds will sing at Westgate Shopping Center during the Christmas season, our Ainsworth Choir being featured for the tree-lighting on Nov. 29th. Hines Causey will be soloist for "O Holy Night."

There will be 3 special musical services during December. All are scheduled for 7:30 Sundays evenings. Dec. 1st will be a service of Advent music by the Ainsworth Choir with a string quartet from Wesleyan College. On Dec 15th all choirs will join in the great annual Carol Festival. On Dec 22nd, our college students for vacation will join the youth choirs for a service of Special Christmas music.

Respectfully submitted,
John Tremaine, Director of Music

————— *Trinity Sunday* —————

The first Sunday after Pentecost is the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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

Blinded Eyes Will See Again

Terre Johnson, verse; Anna Warner, refrain

CHINA, William B. Bradbury

1. Blind - ed eyes will see a - gain, Rays of light al - lowed with - in;
2. Dam-aged limbs will be re - stored, Danc-ing, leap - ing ev - er - more;
3. Poor and hun - gry now are filled, Pangs of need will all be stilled.
4. Now has come God's fa - vored year, End - ing dark-ness, doubt and fear.

Ears that wait-ed si - lent - ly Soon will hear a song set free.
Voic-es stilled for far too long Soon will of - fer joy - ful song.
Pris-on bars no long-er hold; Free-dom comes to ev - 'ry soul.
For the Lord's a - noint-ed Son Brings the news: "God's king-dom comes!"

Yes, Je-sus loves me, yes, Je-sus loves me, yes, Je-sus loves me, the Bi-ble tells me so.