



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.*



Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 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 Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Heard, Jr., and Mary Ann and Milton Heard, III by Laura and Milton Heard.

The flowers for the Easter cross are given in loving memory of Dustin Ivey Fordham by his grandmother, Carolyn Kennedy Dominy, and family.

Photo on the cover taken by Communications Director Millie Thompson.

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary *Trumpet Tune in B flat* Roy Brunner

Welcome & News of the Church Rev. Jack Varnell

Call to Worship Rev. Varnell

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Death is defeated, love has won, and grace abounds!

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Choral Call to Worship *Now Why Are You Sleeping?* Terre Johnson

Now why are you weeping?

For whom do you seek?

Hallelujah, the Lord is risen! Hallelujah!

- *John 20:15 (adapted)*

* Opening Hymn No. 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN
(st. 1-4)

* 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.

**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.*

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Pew Bible pg 936)

Rev. Stone

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

* Hymn

Sing Aloud Our Alleluia
(Please see insert)

BEECHER

Anthem

Alleluia

Terre Johnson

* Second Reading

Matthew 28:5-8 (Pew Bible pg 811)

Rev. Varnell

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

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

Sermon "Welcome To Resurrection" Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer *When prompted, the congregation responds:* Rev. Stone
Risen Lord, **hear our 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 *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day* arr. H. Alexander Matthews
*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 *Easter Hymn* MIT FREUDEN ZART
(Please see insert)

* Benediction & Sending Forth Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Albert Travis



News of the Church

Special Music Sunday | April 27 | 11:00 am Worship

On Sunday, April 27, the Ainsworth Choir and orchestra will present a special musical performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem during our 11 am Sanctuary Worship. Be sure to invite a friend to join you for what will be an incredible and moving performance from our talented choir.

Family Fun Day at Fickling Farm | May 4 | 4-6 pm

Everyone is invited to join in on the fun on Sunday, May 4 at Fickling Farm! Our Family Ministries team is hosting a Fun Day for all ages - we'll grill hot dogs & hamburgers, play games for kids & adults alike, and have a great time of fellowship together! Contact Elisa Reece for more information.

Fickling Farm Entrance: 5215 Rivoli Drive, Macon, GA

Save the Date - 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!

Senior Recognition Sunday | May 11 | 9:30 am brunch & 11:00 am Worship

We will recognize our graduating high school Seniors on the second Sunday of May. We will honor our Seniors during Worship, and we will have a potluck breakfast in their honor in place of our usual lunch. You're invited to please bring a breakfast dish or casserole and join in on the celebration!

Church Office Closed | Monday, April 21

The Church Office will be closed this Monday in observance of Easter. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday.

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:

Excerpts from The Permanent Building Fund Committee Report April 30, 1953.

We are convinced of the urgent need to complete the constructions of the buildings designed in the original plans of 1926, when the structure you now see it was completed. You are aware of the need to attract and hold the attention and interest of our young people, and the new facilities are for this purpose.

The new construction will be for the following:

1. A new kitchen complete with all modern facilities for our ladies who serve us so graciously. We cannot do too much to lighten their load, show our appreciation.
2. A new dining room for serving the various entertainments for young people and other church affairs. Food interest most of us and if you want good attendance at the meetings, don't fail to have it at the time for a meal.
3. To complete the recreation to include facilities such as are available at certain other local churches. We must attract out members with social features, and at this time we are badly hampered from lack of room, equipment, etc.

Let's make this effort a quick and full success, stepping out ahead instead of a little behind.

Keep up with us online!



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You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at **@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

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

JACK CARTER

Paschal Candle Bearer

HENRY CARTER

Crucifer

BEN MORRIS

& DREW MORRIS

Candle Lighters

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Trumpet - Hayden Crescioni, Harrs Newbold

Horn - Jossey Lloyd

Trombone - Collin Morgan

Tuba - Josh Mullis

Timpani - Skylar Stargel

Piano - Lisa Shepard


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

————— *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.

————— *An Easter Prayer* —————

Almighty God, Through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sing Aloud Our Alleluia

Terre Johnson

BEECHER



1. Sing a-loud our al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lamb who once was slain,
2. Sing a-gain our al - le - lu - ia, sting-less death in full re - treat
3. Sing for-ev - er al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly is his name!



Ris - en now in pow'r and glo - ry, wor - thy of e - ter - nal reign.
Shrinks be - fore the Sav - ior's tri - umph, bowed for - ev - er in de - feat.
Now en - throned, we bow be - fore him, dis - tant now his death and shame.



Scat - tered stone and tomb left emp - ty change our griev - ing in - to joy.
Once the grave ap - peared vic - tor - ious, now its vic - tim ris - es strong.
Loud ho - san - nas, nev - er - end - ing, saints and an - gels join to - sing.



Sing we ev - er al - le - lu - ia, prais - ing God with heart and voice!
Sing we ev - er al - le - lu - ia! Join his re - sur - rec - tion song!
Sing we ev - er al - le - lu - ia! And pro - claim "The Lord is King!"

Easter Hymn

Terre Johnson

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. With shad-ed eyes and voic-es raised, Sing— "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Sur -
2. The Lord of hosts, he e'er com-mands His le-gions vast, a - dor - ing; But
3. Now heav'n and earth re - joice 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!