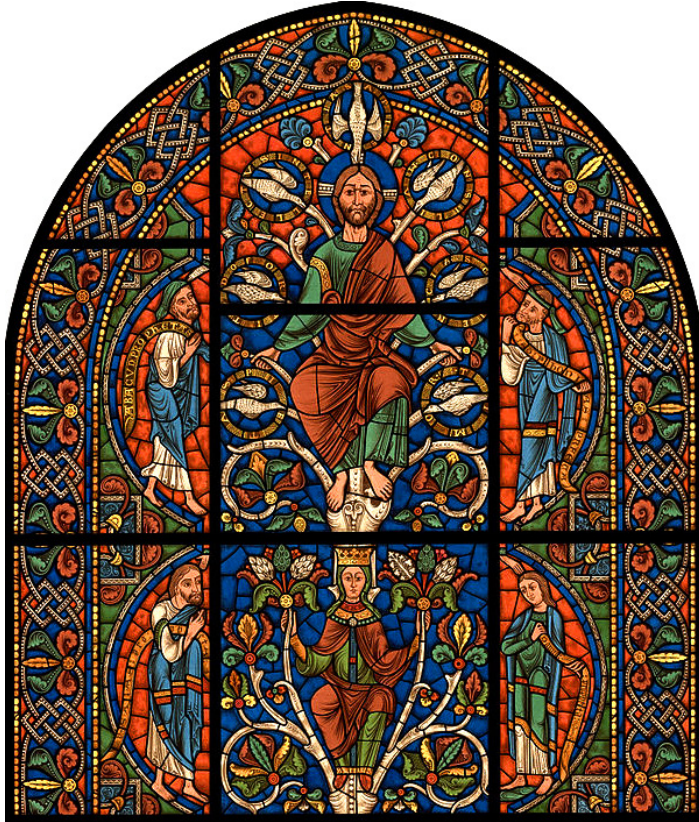




MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown
Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life.*



The Church at Worship TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 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 and in honor of Zachary Golden, given by the members of the Ainsworth Choir.

*The artwork on the cover is a stained glass window "Tree of Jesse - top panel".
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary	<i>Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho</i>	Arr. Marianne Kim
Welcome & News of the Church		Rev. Payton Stone
Greeting & Call to Worship		Mary Charles Dunn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness,
and is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!

We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond
our imagination, yet God hears our cries for help!

We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our God is worthy to be honoured
by every generation, and by people of every age!

We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.

- written by Joan Stott, and posted on The Timeless Psalms.

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. 731	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	AUSTRIAN HYMN
* Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostle's Creed</i>	Mary Charles Dunn

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.**

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-13, 16-22 (Pew Bible pg 245)

Mary Charles Dunn

God will make the house of David an expression of God's faithfulness.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever." ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God; you have spoken also of your servant’s house into the distant future. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord God! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! ²¹ Because of your promise and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness so that your servant may know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O Lord God, for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

* Hymn No. 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Nestor Jaenz, oboe; Kelley Dixon, flute

Arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy’s sake,
In paths of truth and grace.
When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.
- American Folk Hymn, based on Psalm 23

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1, 17 (*Pew Bible pg 783*)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

* Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-33 (Pew Bible pg 831)

Dr. Harris

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

Sermon

"God's Promise & Faithfulness"

Dr. Harris

Morning 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

Aria

G. F. Handel, Ed. Nestor Jaenz

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. 660	<i>God Is Here</i>	ABBOT'S LEIGH
* Benediction & Sending Forth		Dr. Harris
Closing Voluntary	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Richard Proulx



News of the Church

School Supply Drive | Through Sunday, August 11

Our Family Ministries team is collecting school supplies to donate for The Methodist Home as part of our Back to School Celebration! Donated items can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium.

Items needed are: Wide-ruled notebook paper, composition notebooks, highlighters, crayons, markers, #2 pencils, pens (black or blue), and erasers.

August Worship & Prayer | August 7 | 5:30 pm

Dinner at 5:30 & Programming at 6:00 | Fellowship Hall | Join us for our monthly Wednesday night worship & prayer service, where we will spend time together in both musical worship and prayer as we explore diverse ways of praying.

Keep up with us online!



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

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MILLIE THOMPSON

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MARY CHARLES DUNN

Lay Liturgist

NESTOR JAENZ

Oboe

KELLEY DIXSON

Flute

— *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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