



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-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 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 in honor of
Mulberry's Staff given by Waverly and Beth Golson.*

*The artwork on the cover is a mural titled "Cross and Rising Sun".
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57417>*

*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

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 John 4:7-12 (Pew Bible pg 991)

Cile Mitchell

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

* Hymn No. 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings?
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;
he has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

- Micah 6:6-8

Second Reading

John 3:16-17 (Pew Bible pg 864)

Rev. Jack Varnell

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Sermon

The God Jesus Reveals: God Is Love

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

Rev. Varnell

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

Oh How He Loves You and Me

Kurt Kaiser
arr. Marilyn Arison

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. 480

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in d minor
BWV 554

J. S. Bach



News of the Church

Fall Festival Is This Afternoon! | 4-6 pm | Parking Lot

It's not too late to help out with Fall Festival! See Elisa to find out how you can help. The parking lot will close at 3:00, and volunteers & trunks will need to be set up and ready to go by 3:30.

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! We have free tickets available for church members - contact the church office if you would like to attend.

United Women in Faith Casseroles & Cinnamon Rolls Sale | Order by October 31

Chicken Poppy Seed casseroles are \$18 for a 9 inch/4-cup & \$7 for individual size. Doris's Cinnamon Rolls are \$12. Order at the tables located in the narthex & atrium, or by calling the church office.. Pickup is on Nov 17 from 9:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Keep up with us online!



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

Visit our website at mulberrymethodist.org for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

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Candle Lighters

— *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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