



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## The Church at Worship

**PALM SUNDAY**

*April 13, 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.

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*The artwork on the cover is "Entry into Jerusalem" by Pieter Coecke van Aelst.  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56865>*

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



## *Entrance & Praise*

Opening Voluntary

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Albert Travis

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.**

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;**

**We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,**

**we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his *Lectionary Liturgies* blog.

\* Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Rev. Stone

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem:

*Luke 19:28-40*

And when he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

\* Procession of Palms No. 280 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

\* 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.**

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.*

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*Proclamation & Response*

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\* Hymn No. 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* STORIES OF JESUS

Anthem *Jubilate Deo* Peter Anglea

*Sung in Latin, English translation:*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness:

Come before his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good;

His mercy is everlasting;

And his truth endureth to all generations.

- Psalm 100:1,2,3

Second Reading

Psalm 118:1, 19-29 (Pew Bible pg 492)

Rev. Varnell

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech thee, give us success!

Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar! Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee; thou art my God, I will extol thee. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!

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

Sermon

“A Goofy Kind Of Love”

Rev. Varnell

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.**

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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Offertory

Finale from Organ Sonata VI Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

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\* 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.

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*Sending Forth*

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\* Closing Hymn No. 278

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

*Fugue from Passacaglia in C minor*  
BWV 582

J.S Bach



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Easter 2025 Events**

- **Holy Week Services | April 14-18 | Noon**  
Lunch following in the Fellowship Hall
- **Maundy Thursday Communion Service | March 28 | 6:30 pm**
- **Easter Sunday | March 31**  
Sunrise Service on Coleman Hill | 7 am  
Butterfly Release in the Courtyard | 10 am  
Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

### **Holy Week Noon Services | April 14-18 | Sanctuary | Lunch following**

Come reflect on the life and ministry of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ as we draw closer to Easter Sunday. Services will be 30 minutes, and lunch is provided immediately following worship.

Schedule:

**Monday** - Rev. Katie Griffis; **Tuesday** - Rev. Tommy Perkins; **Wednesday** - Rev. Dr. Josh Gale; **Thursday (noon)** - Rev. Sam Lamback; **Friday** - Rev. Payton Stone

### **Easter Egg Hunt on Coleman Hill | TODAY | 4-6 pm**

The Easter Egg Hunt is this afternoon! It's not too late to help out - join us on Coleman Hill at 4 pm to give us a hand with the egg hunt, games, arts & crafts and more. See you there!

### **Bring Flowers for the Easter Flowering Cross**

On Easter Sunday morning members of Mulberry are asked to bring flowers from their yards or gardens to place on the cross in Mulberry's courtyard. The cross will be covered in greenery and chicken wire and flowers will be placed on the cross. Please bring flowers to the courtyard prior to Sunday school.

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*Keep up with us online!*

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Visit our website at [mulberrymethodist.org](https://mulberrymethodist.org) for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

**REV. JACK VARNELL**

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**REV. PAYTON STONE**

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Organist

**MILLIE THOMPSON**

Director of Communications

**THE AINSWORTH CHOIR**

**WILL MAGDA**

Crucifer

**KATE EVANS**

Candle Lighter

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*A Bicentennial Moment*

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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 Council of Ministries meeting  
of March 13, 1972.**

1. The Hand-Bell Choir to be re-activated.
2. The family camping weekend is May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Senior High Class cleared between \$135 - \$150 on the recent spaghetti supper.
4. Lenten breakfasts continue with 30 on Friday mornings.
5. Youth Retreat plans for April 14-16 at Wesley Gardens in Savannah.
6. Vacation Bible School workers are being recruited for a workshop in April.
7. A group is meeting for lunch each Wednesday to discuss Christian beliefs and experiences.
8. It was suggested that a prayer breakfast for men of Mulberry begin to meet Tuesday April 4th after Easter Sunday.
9. It was also suggested that the men of the Church sponsor a Sunday evening service during the month of May.
10. The budget goal is \$182,500. The next Wednesday night supper will have a training session for people who are going to work with on this, pledge cards to be mailed out this week. Sunday March 26th is Pledge Sunday.

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*Season of Lent*

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Lent is a season of 40 days, not including Sundays, which leads to Easter. It is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for Easter celebration. The color of the paraments is purple to represent penitence and mourning.

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