



# 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*August 18, 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.

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of our fathers, Arthur Anderson and David Nicholson,  
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

*The artwork on the cover is "New Wine in Old Wineskins" by Frank Wesley.  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59180>*

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



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*Proclamation & Response*

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Baptism

Zara Iman Pitts  
Daughter of Marly and D'Angelo Pitts

*When prompted, the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Zara now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Zara with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

*Sung responses (Hymnal page 53)*

*Celebrant says words befitting the occasion, then the congregation sings:*

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

*Celebrant says words befitting the occasion, then the congregation sings:*

**Declare Christ's works to the nation, his glory among all the people.**

*Celebrant says words befitting the occasion, then the congregation sings:*

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn

*God Claims You*

**Refrain:**

**Zara, Zara, God claims you,  
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

**We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.**

**Refrain**

**We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.**

**Refrain**

**We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.**

**Refrain**

## Joining in Membership

Marly and D'Angelo Pitts, Maggie Chaudry, Bob & Jane Vaughan,  
Candace Wood, Carmen Meadows & Daniel McIntosh

*When prompted, the congregation responds:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of our church by our prayers, our presence, or gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Anthem

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

arr. Mack Wilberg

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
To Christ the Lord are giv'n:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

To God, the only wise,  
The one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise  
From ev'ry living thing;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Amen!

\* Scripture Reading

Mark 2:13-17 (Pew Bible pg 813)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup> As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples,



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Welcome to Our New Members!**

We are excited to welcome the newest members of Mulberry Street! Contact information is listed below if you would like to express a word of welcome:

**D'Angelo and Marly:** Marlypitts@gmail.com, PittsDB@gmail.com

**Maggie:** Magalie.ulyse7@gmail.com

**Bob and Jane:** bv1145@yahoo.com

**Candace:** candwood@bellsouth.net

**Carmen:** cvmeadows51@aol.com

**Daniel:** dmcintosh@mulberrymethodist.org

### **Lemonade Reception Honoring Jay & Kay Harris | August 25**

The SPRC is hosting a lemonade reception after Worship on August 25 in honor of Jay & Kay Harris on Jay's last Sunday as our interim pastor. The reception will be in the foyer outside the Parlor doors. Drop by, have some lemonade, and share your thanks for Jay's service to Mulberry over these past few months!

### **New Book Study: 5 Marks of a Methodist | Begins August 21**

Led by Flo Martin, this 6-week study will meet on Wednesday nights in the church Conference Room from 5:30 - 7 pm to discuss *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith* by Steve Harper. This study, which reflects on the practices that confirm our identity as followers of Christ, is great for those looking to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a Methodist.

Sign up and purchase the book at [bit.ly/mul-5marks](https://bit.ly/mul-5marks).

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## *Keep up with us online!*

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

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

**REV. DR. JAY HARRIS**

*Senior Pastor*

**REV. PAYTON STONE**

*Associate Pastor*

**ELISA REECE**

*Director of Family Ministries*

**DR. TERRE JOHNSON**

*Director of Music*

**DANIEL MCINTOSH**

*Organist*

**MILLIE THOMPSON**

*Director of Communications*

**THE AINSWORTH CHOIR**

———— *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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