



# 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*July 7, 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 artwork on the cover is a 10th Century illumination called "Anointing of David".  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55312>*

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



## *Entrance & Praise*

Opening Voluntary

Ken Medema

Welcome & News of the Church

Rev. Payton Stone

Greeting & Call to Worship

Rev. Stone

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.

**“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”**

God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son, David, to be king.

**“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”**

We join with Christ and are a part of God’s new creation.

**O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.**

Gather us in, O Holy One, for we would be your people.

**Amen.**

*-Written by Peter Bankson for Ministry Matters*

*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. 534

*Be Still My Soul*

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\* 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.**

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*Proclamation & Response*

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First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 (Pew Bible pg 226)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

<sup>6</sup>When Jesse’s sons came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

\* Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34 (Pew Bible pg 818)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

*Jesus leads his disciples to take time apart from the coming and going.*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on

foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

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

Sermon

“Caring for Your Interior Life”

Dr. Harris

Musical Reflection

Ken Medema

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*Thanksgiving & Communion*

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Invitation to the Table

Dr. Harris

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Stone

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory

Ken Medema

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\* The Great Thanksgiving

Dr. Harris

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

*Celebrant says words appropriate to the season, then the congregation sings:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant says words appropriate to the season, then the congregation sings:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant says words appropriate to the season, then the congregation sings:*

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread

*Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of parents.*

*Let an usher know if you wish to be served in the pew.*

*Gluten free bread is available on the pedestal at the base of the steps.*

*An offering plate along the sanctuary wall is available for a communion offering,  
which is designated for the pastor's discretionary fund.*

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*Sending Forth*

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\* Closing Hymn No. 700

*Abide with Me*

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\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Dr. Harris

Closing Voluntary

*Fanfare in D major*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Wednesday Night Worship & Prayer | July 10 | 5:30 pm**

Dinner at 5:30 & Programming at 6:00 | 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. Please note that we are meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

### **Watermelon Donations for Macon Outreach | by July 11**

Macon Outreach will be holding an Independence Day celebration meal on Friday, July 12 and have asked for church members to donate some watermelons for Outreach clients to enjoy! Watermelons can be brought to the church or to Outreach by Thursday, July 11.

### **Second Sunday Lunch | July 14 | 12:00 pm**

It's time for our monthly time of food & fellowship! All are welcome to join us as we share a meal together. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### **Macon Bacon Game - Family Ministries Fundraiser | July 19 | 7:00 pm**

Let's go, Bacon! Join us on July 19 for Hawaiian Night with the Macon Bacon baseball team! Each ticket includes free hamburgers, chips, and a drink. Tickets are \$17 each, and for every ticket sold, the church will receive \$5 back for our Family Ministries! Support our kids & youth while cheering on the Bacon!

Sign up at [bit.ly/mul-bacon24](https://bit.ly/mul-bacon24).

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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!

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**MILLIE THOMPSON**  
*Director of Communications*

**THE AINSWORTH CHOIR**

**KEN MEDEMA**  
*Special Musical Guest*

— *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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Office Hours M-Th 8:30am - 5pm



4 steps  
15 minutes  
Connect with God



### Pray the IOUs

1 minute

**I- Incline my heart** (Ps. 119:36), Ask God to tune your heart and draw you close.  
**O- Open my eyes** (Ps 119:18), Ask God to help you see new things  
**U- Unite my heart** (Ps 86:11) , Ask God to unite your heart with God's heart for you  
**S- Satisfy me in the morning** (Ps 90:14), Ask God to fill you to overflowing as you spend time together



### Read the Bible

5 minutes

Start with a book of the Bible and read through it 5 minutes a day. Set a timer for 5 minutes and continue to read until your time is up. Mark your place for the next day. If you need a good place to start, try the book of John, Romans, James, or Psalms.



### Journal

5 minutes

1. What did you learn about God?
2. What did you learn about yourself?
3. How is God calling you to respond?
4. What will you do about it?



### Pray the ACTS prayer

4 minutes

**A- Adoration-** Praise God for who He is  
**C- Confession-** Repent of what you've done  
**T- Thanksgiving-** Give gratitude for all He has done  
**S- Supplication-** Pray for the needs of yourself and others