



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 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 loving memory of their parents Madge & Harold Chapman and Albert & Alouise Wary given by Harold & Freeda Chapman.

*The artwork on the cover is "Christ Teaching the Disciples".
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56625>*

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary II. "Andante religioso" from Sonata IV Op. 65 Nr. 4 Félix Mendelssohn

Welcome & News of the Church

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

Greeting & Call to Worship

Chris Abbott

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

New every morning is God's love for us.

New every day is our opportunity to practice gratitude for what we have,

To seek ways to heal the world,

And to draw closer to our Creator.

So let us worship God.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission

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. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Chris Abbott

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

* Hymn

We Would See Jesus
(Please see insert)

LONDONDERRY AIR

Anthem

One Thing Have I Asked
Katie Trotter, Violin

Terre Johnson

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all my life.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
sing with all my heart for joy to the living God!

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Ps. 27:4, 84:1-2, 23:6

First Reading

John 9:1-3 (*Pew Bible pg 871*)

Rev. Dr. Jay Harris

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

Second Reading

James 1:2-4 (*Pew Bible pg 980*)

²My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy,

³because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.

Third Reading

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (*Pew Bible pg 944*)

⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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

Sermon

Extending the Healing Ministry of Jesus

Dr. Harris

Morning Prayer

Dr. Harris

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

Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn

arr. Gordon Young

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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. 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Dr. Harris

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 558

J.S Bach



News of the Church

Lemonade Reception Honoring Jay & Kay Harris | Today after Worship

Immediately following Worship today, the SPRC is hosting a lemonade reception 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!

Second Sunday Lunch Honoring Incoming Pastor Jack Varnell | September 8

Our Septemeber Second Sunday Lunch will be a chance to welcome our new Senior Pastor Rev. Jack Varnell into Mulberry! We will have our usual potluck lunch with the church providing the chicken, the SPRC will bring a special dessert, and we will present Jack with a "Welcome to Macon" gift basket.

If you would like to contribute to this basket, you can give a gift card from your favorite restaurant in town, favorite Macon memorabilia, or a special note welcoming him. Please bring them by the church office before September 8.

Keep up with us online!



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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!

REV. DR. JAY HARRIS

Senior Pastor

REV. PAYTON STONE

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CHRIS ABBOTT

Lay Liturgist

STEBIN HORNE

Crucifer

SANFORD HORNE

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

We Would See Jesus

J. Edgar Park

LONDONDERRY AIR



1. We would see Je - sus, lo! his star is shin - ing a - bove the
2. We would see Je - sus, on the moun - tain teach - ing, with all the
3. We would see Je - sus, in the earl - y morn - ing, still as of



sta - ble while the an - gels sing; there in a man - ger on the hay re -
lis - t'ning peo - ple gath - ered round; while birds and flow'rs and sky a - bove are
old he call - eth, "Fol - low me!" Let us a - rise, all mean - er ser - vice



clin - ing; haste, let us lay our gifts be - fore the King. We would see
preach - ing the bless - ed - ness which sim - ple trust has found. We would see
scorn - ing; Lord, we are thine, we give our - selves to thee. We would see



Je - sus, Mar - y's son most ho - ly, light of the vil - lage life from day to
Je - sus, in his work of heal - ing, at ev - en - tide be - fore the sun was
Je - sus, Sav - ior, Shep - herd, Cor - ner - stone, the Bread of Life, be - lov - ed Son of

12



day; shin - ing re - vealed through ev - ery task most
set; di - vine and hu - man in his deep re -
God! The ris - en Lord who claims me as his



low - ly, the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.
veal - ing of God made flesh, in lov - ing ser - vice met.
ver - y own bids me to fol - low where his feet have trod.