

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
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**June 29, 2025** **A Worship of Transitions**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*“Sometimes, God brings times of transition to create transformation.”—Lynn Cowell*



**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**In celebration of the ministries of this church**

**PRELUDE**

*“Ode to Joy” (Beethoven)*

**Praise band**

**GATHERING**

**Words of welcome and announcements**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says  
**Thank you!**

At worship in this sacred place we say it again:

**Thank you!**

For your love, for your faithfulness;

**Thank you!**

When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD,  
They'll sing of what you've done:

**How great the glory of GOD!**

Finish what you started in us, GOD. Your love is eternal—stay with us, now, that we  
may say

**Thank you!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

**(UMH # 110)**

**OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. Amen.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

## SILENT PRAYER

Let us share our doubts with God.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.



## SPECIAL MUSIC

**Julie Donnell, Sammie and Anna Vaughn**  
*"Keeper of the Door"* **by Twila Paris**

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 5:17-20 (CEB)**

One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

## MESSAGE

**"Tomorrow"**

**Pastor Terry McDorman**

## CHORAL MUSICAL REFLECTION:

**Macon UMC Choir**

## INVITATION TO SHARE

The treasure of God's glory is Jesus, shining in our hearts. We hold this treasure in the earthen vessels of our lives. Let us share freely of the gifts we have been given, that the

glory of God may be known in the works of community, justice and peace. Let us give so that this church can continue to be a blessing to others.

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 94)

*(you are invited to raise your arms in praise to the Lord)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Take and receive these gifts dear God, bless and multiply them that they may show the world your glory, shining through our lives.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(sung to the hymn "*Here I Am Lord*")

God be with you all in love, Lift your hearts to God above

It is right and good to give, our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power, God of love,

Sing hosanna Christ has come, in God's own name.

### **Chorus**

People needing, Spirit leading Jesus feeding all who come to him

Bread for tending cup for mending Spirit sending us to serve the world.

On the night His life was given Jesus took the bread of heaven

Thanking God He broke it all, remember me.

Then He took the common cup, new forgiveness lifting up,

Thanking God he gave to all, remember me.

### **Chorus**

People needing, Spirit leading Jesus feeding all who come to him

Bread for tending cup for mending Spirit sending us to serve the world.

We remember God in Christ, holy living sacrifice

So like him in thanks and praise ourselves we give.

We embrace his mystery how He died and set us free.

As He rose He'll come again, in Christ we live.

### **Chorus**

People needing, Spirit leading Jesus feeding all who come to him

Bread for tending cup for mending Spirit sending us to serve the world.

Of these gifts of wine and bread, and your people in this place

Pour your spirit gift divine, giving us Christ.

By the Spirit make us one, one with Christ to serve the world  
That on earth your will be done “till Christ shall come.

### **Chorus**

People needing, Spirit leading Jesus feeding all who come to him  
Bread for tending cup for mending Spirit sending us to serve the world.

(1/2 stanza)

Now to you all loving God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Be all glory thanks and praise, for evermore.

### **Chorus**

People needing, Spirit leading Jesus feeding all who come to him  
Bread for tending cup for mending Spirit sending us to serve the world.

## **SHARING COMMUNION**

*Please follow the instructions of the usher to come forward, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup of juice and then partake. If you are unable to come forward or need assistance, please advise the usher and the elements shall be brought to you. (All our bread is gluten free.)*

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*“March”*

**Praise Band  
by Sergei Prokofiev**

## **A STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)**

**Pastor Terry McDorman**

**We, the disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the universal church, believe in one God, creator of all. We believe in the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, sent for our salvation and through whom we are reconciled with the Father. We believe that the Bible is the divine word. We believe in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and that grace and mercy are available to all. We believe in everlasting life. We believe that we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen**

## **SINGING A FEW OF PASTOR TERRY’S FAVORITE HYMNS:**

*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*

**(UMH # 78)**

*“My Life Flows On”*

**(FWS #2212)**

*“The Snow Lay on the Ground”*

**(FWS #2093)**

*“Lord of the Dance”*

**(UMH # 261)**

## **A PASSAGE TO RETIREMENT**

**Brad Raush, Church Council Chairperson**

I thank you, the members and friends of Macon United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me and my family while I have ministered among you. I

am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to retire. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry in whatever church community in which you engage.

#### **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**Julie Donnell and Maureen McDorman**

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

**(Arr. James Koerts)**

#### **PRESENTATION**

**SPRC Chair Denise Jones and Lay Leader Lori Nixon**

#### **CLOSING PRAYER (unison)**

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. (St. Patrick)**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

***“Every Morning’s An Easter Morning”***

**Choir and Congregation**

#### **BENEDICTION (please be seated)**

May the blessing of light be upon you, Light on the outside, light on the inside.

With God’s sunlight shining on you, May your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike.

May the light of the Lord Shine from your eyes, like A candle in the window, Welcoming the weary traveler.

May the blessing of God’s soft rain be upon you, Falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul with the sweetness of little flowers nearly blooming. May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you, Carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean, sparkling after in the sunlight.

May the blessings of God’s earth be on you as you walk the roads, may you always have a kind word for those you meet. May you understand the strength and power of God In a thunderstorm in winter and the quiet beauty of creation in the calm of a summer sunset. And, may you come to realize that insignificant as you may seem In this great universe, you are an important part of God’s plan. May he watch over you and keep

you safe from harm. By Roma Downey and Phil Coulter

**POSTLUDE**                    *“Amazing Grace”*                    **lead by the band**                    **(UMH # 378)**

**ONE MORE TIME RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL.**

**GRACE BEFORE OUR MEAL**

**WORSHIP CELEBRANTS: Rev. Terry McDorman, Pastor**

**MUSICIANS:**

**Connie Baker, Devin Forden, Maureen McDorman, Riley McDorman, Billie McDorman, Aria Henry, Julie Donnell, Sammi Vaughn, Anna Vaughn, Cash Vaughn**



**USHER AND BELL RINGER AND READER: Mike Baker**

**CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Brad Raush**

**LAY LEADER: Lori Nixon**

*Everyone is invited to participate in the celebration meal after worship in Fellowship Hall.*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 50**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE**

Sun. June 29 11:00 am Pastor Terry's Retirement Celebration

Sun. July 06 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. July 06 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. July 13 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. July 13 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. July 13 11:00 am AED Demonstration and Instructions

Sun. July 20 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. July 20 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

July 01 Erin Moyer

July 01 Jerri and Gary Henschen

July 02 Garry Cuttler

July 02 Kate Huggins

July 03 Carl Craft

## MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of **cereal**, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned fruits and vegetables; canned soup; canned pasta; Kleenex; shampoo; toothpaste, and antiperspirant. Cash donations are always welcome.

## MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINES

**Crisis Text Line:** Text "HOME" to 741741 for free crisis counseling.  
<https://www.crisistextline.org/>. (24/7)

**Disaster Distress Helpline:** Call or text 1-800-985-5990 for free, multilingual, crisis support disaster crisis counseling. <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/helplines/disaster-distress-helpline> (24/7)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):**

[A new tool to help plan for crises](#) (article about new smartphone app)

[Getting treatment during a crisis](#) (scroll down to crisis section)

[Navigating a mental health crisis](#) (33 page pdf document)

**National Sexual Assault Hotline and Online Hotline:** 1-800-656-HOPE (4673); Provides confidential crisis support for those who have been sexually assaulted.  
<https://hotline.rainn.org/online>.

**National 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:** Call or text 988 for free, confidential support; Spanish: 1-888-628-9454; Deaf or Hard of hearing: 1-800-799-4899.  
<https://988lifeline.org/>. (24/7)

**Pathways 2 Promise:** Comprehensive listing of crisis lines and resources.  
<https://www.pathways2promise.org/in-crisis>

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

**National Helpline:** Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357), TTY: 800-487-4889. For additional information on finding help and treatment options, visit <https://findtreatment.gov/>. General Questions about SAMHSA, including information about mental and substance use disorders: <https://www.samhsa.gov/>; 877-SAMHSA-7 (726-4727); TTY: 800-487-4889 (24/7)

**Trans Lifeline:** 1-877-565-8860. Transgender Suicide Hotline. Confidential peer support for trans and questioning--call even if you are not in crisis. Press option #2 for Spanish. <https://translifeline.org/hotline/>. (available M-F 1-9pm Eastern time except holidays)

**Veteran's Crisis Line:** Call 1-800-273--Talk, then press #1; or dial 988 and press #1. Or text 838255. Available to all veterans. [veteranscrisisline.net](https://veteranscrisisline.net). (24/7)