



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 15, 2023

*Laity Sunday*

10:55 am

*Traditional Worship Service*

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Special Recognition

Donna Rodgers

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Land of Rest*  
Keith Maxey, organist

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Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice! **Take heart; the Lord is near.**  
Make it known among the people: God reigns. **Proclaim it from the rooftops.**  
Let gentleness and mirth be your guide. **Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!**  
Take heart; the Lord is near.

\* Processional Hymn No. 732

*Come, We that Love the Lord*

ST. THOMAS

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Phil Kuntz

**We seek your goodness, O God, for we search our hearts and find them wanting. We seek your joy, source of mirth and laughter, for our limbs are weary and our hearts are heavy. Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise. Shine the light of your love far and wide, that the world might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true.** *All pray in silence.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, is ours through Christ Jesus. Rest secure in this assurance, for it is trustworthy and true. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Phil Kuntz

**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.**

*\* universal*

\* Sung Response

*Maker, in Whom We Live, vs. 4*

DIADEMATA

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

\* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Mike Gehring

## 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.

## WE HEAR FROM GOD

Kids' Time

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Victoria Smathers

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; every color, shape, and size,  
They are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are dismissed to *Kids Connect-Worship*.  
Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9: 7 and John 15: 13

James Hanks

Pew Bible, NT pages 183 and 109

Anthem

*I Then Shall Live*

FINLANDIA/arr. Larson

Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon

"The Joy of Service"

James and Jacob Hanks

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn TFWS No. 2172

*We Are Called*

WE ARE CALLED

Offering Invitation

Wayne Purdy

Offertory

*Ballo della Battaglia*

Storace

\*Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 up lifts!**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Phil Kuntz

\* Hymn TFWS No. 2241

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

\* Reception of New Member

Mike Gehring

**We rejoice to recognize you as a *member* of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

\* Benediction

Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

*Postlude on St. Thomas*

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\* please stand as you are able

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## ***Welcome to worship at Main Street United Methodist Church!***

*When Christians worship, we step into an alternative world. Liturgy and ritual, hymns and prayers invite us into another landscape. Jesus' words and the experience of his presence peel back the rhetoric that pummels our eardrums so that we are able to hear him say to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27, NRSV)*

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### **Thank you for worshipping with us today at Main Street UMC!**

If you are a visitor, please sign the attendance pad in the pew so that we can contact you at a later date in order to discuss the ministries of Main Street UMC.

**Restrooms** are located in the back left corner of the Narthex.

**Should you need to step out during worship**, you can go to the Parlor and still view and hear the worship service. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**Main Street UMC's Sanctuary** is an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Camera angles may capture your image as you worship. Our weekly services are routinely shared with others via livestream and DVD. If you would like a DVD of today's 10:55 service, please contact Kathryn at 993-3411 in the church office.

**Confidential prayer requests** can be made by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by clicking the "contact" tab on [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org).

**Children's Ministry:** We are so happy to share God's love with our children! Main Street is a Safe Sanctuary Congregation.

- *Nursery* (8:30-noon) is available for infants-3 year olds in the Education Building. The nursery is staffed with experienced caregivers and lay volunteers.
- *Kids Connect* is our Sunday School (9:45-10:45am) program for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade in the Education building. Kids Connect offers a large group Bible lesson, worship, and small group activities.
- *Kids Connect-Worship* is offered during the 10:55am service for wiggly kids ages 3 years to 1st grade who can't quite remain in worship the entire time. Kids of all ages are invited to the front for *Moments with Children* before the younger children are dismissed to the Education Building for *Kids Connect-Worship* activities.

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### **Main Street UMC Staff**

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor

Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor

Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries

Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries

Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music Ministries

Keith Maxey, Organist

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

Theo Dunlap, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

Katherine Goad, Nursery Supervisor

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# Announcements

**THE RED ROSEBUDS** on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the births of: Evelyn Iris Webb to Savannah & Brandon Webb, grandparents are Vicki & Sloane Pigg; and Avett James Lail to Jonathan & Alicia Lail, grandparents are Scott & Jenny Lail, great-grandparents are Dale & Margie Hilton.

**A SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER** will be held in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** from 11am until 1pm. No reservations are necessary. Proceeds from the luncheon will go towards the mission projects of United Women in Faith.

**THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!** This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and benefits our youth and children's ministries as well as our preschool. We need lots of help! Sign up to volunteer for a shift in the patch at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under "signups" on the red stripe. This year, our Preschool Director, Kellie Vinay, and Children's Ministry Director, Victoria Smathers, will be your "go-to" contacts for all things PUMPKINS! We can't wait to see you in the patch!

**BE SURE TO PICK UP** a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. This survey has over seventy opportunities for you to serve and connect with your church family. Complete the survey to sign up for something new or tell us that you want to continue with the ministries where you already serve---we want to hear from everyone! Surveys are due by November 30.

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **Oct. 18** is Chicken Corn Chowder (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn ([kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). *New Horizons/Journey SS classes serving.*

**THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB** will meet at noon in Room 310 on **October 19**. Everyone is invited to read C.S. Lewis' book, *The Screwtape Letters*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 7pm on **October 19** in the pumpkin patch—bring a lawn chair! Childcare is provided.

**OUR NEXT HERITAGE CLUB OUTING** will be Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and shopping at local shops on Tuesday, **October 24**. The bus will leave at 9:45 AM and the cost to ride will be \$5.00. Everyone will pay for their meal at the restaurant. Lunch is \$23.95 cash or check, no debit or credit cards. Reservations are required. Contact Debbie Smith.

**SIGNING AS WORSHIP CLASS:** In this class we will learn the sign language for songs we sing in worship. The signs we use will be a combination of ASL, English and interpretative signs. We will also spend some time on learning what the Bible says about movement in worship. This new class will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM starting on **October 26** in the JC Grose Classroom. There is no cost for the class but please sign up so that sufficient handouts can be prepared. Anyone High School age and above is welcome to join us. Any questions or to sign up please email Lee Ann Messer at [messerla@comcast.net](mailto:messerla@comcast.net)

**THE ANNUAL NEVER FORGET VETERAN'S MINISTRY LUNCH** for our church veterans is coming up on **November 4**. Please consider volunteering for this special event! Signup at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org)—look for the red stripe and click on "signups."

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE HARVEST FEAST** on **November 5** in the Fellowship Hall! This will be a great time to come together as a church family and see friends who attend all of our different worship services! We will gather for fellowship at 5:00pm and will start the meal at 5:30pm. This will be a true covered-dish dinner so bring your most delicious entrees, sides, and desserts to share. Go to [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click on "signups" on the red stripe to let us know that you will be joining us for the Harvest Feast!

**JOB OPENINGS:** We would like to hire a Chancel Chorale Accompanist/Pianist and a Technology Ministries Director. The complete job descriptions for these part-time positions can be found under "NEWS" at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details (336-993-3411).

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. October's item is beef stew; other non-perishable food items can be donated as well. Items may be dropped off at any time during office hours (8:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-noon on Friday).

## Lyrics

### COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

### WE ARE CALLED

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve on another, to walk humbly with God!
2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve on another, to walk humbly with God!
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve on another, to walk humbly with God!

### THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.