



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 22, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Keith Maxey, organist

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world. **We are the light of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life. **We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law. **The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. **Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

* Processional Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Shine all over Kernersville, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day. We give you our thanks and praise. Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. Too often, we treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. Too often, we forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith. Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all of your children. In the name of Christ, we pray. *All pray in silence.*

Brothers and Sisters, Christ, the great Healer, brings healing and wholeness to our lives. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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* 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

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

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 Matthew 5: 14-16 Victoria Smathers
Pew Bible, NT page 4

Anthem *Walk in the Light* Martin
Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "Lighthouse" Wayne Purdy

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 601 *Thy Word Is a Lamp* THY WORD

Offering Invitation
Offertory *Praise Ye the Father* Gounod
Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, director

*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

* Hymn No. 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* Benediction Wayne Purdy

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

* please stand as you are able

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)

Thank you for worshiping 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.

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.

Let's Worship Together!

Sundays

8:30am less-formal Traditional service in the Sanctuary
8:45am Jubilee Contemporary service in the Chapel
10:55am Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

Thursdays

7:00pm NOW: Night of Worship contemporary service in the Chapel (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

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
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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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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 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. 25** is Baked Potato Bar (*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); 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). *Seafarers SS class serving*.

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

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—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 and click on "signups" on the red stripe to let us know that you will be joining us for the Harvest Feast!

ALL SAINTS DAY is Sunday, **November 5**. All Saints is the day set aside in the Christian Year to remember those who we love who have made a significant impact on our lives and faith and who have completed this life and now live forever in the church eternal. You are invited to stop by the Sanctuary Narthex and place a bell on the All Saints Day Banner as a remembrance of those you love who have died. The All Saints Day Banner will be displayed during our 8:30 and 10:55 worship services on November 5.

ALL UNITED METHODIST MEN are invited to the **November 7** Quarterly Meeting, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Lisa Miller, Senior Center Director for The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville. Come learn about programs that may interest you and share what you are doing already. Make dinner reservations by November 3 and please invite a friend. Go to mainstreetumc.org and click on "signups" on the red stripe to let us know that you plan to attend.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **November 9** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

FROZEN CASSEROLE SALE: The United Women of Faith will sell frozen casseroles on **November 12** in the room beside the Library from 9:30am until 12:30pm. Selections will include Mrs. Mary's Chicken, Melt in Your Mouth, Poppyseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken Casseroles (small \$12 and large \$15). Sweet Potato Casserole will also be available (small \$10 and large \$12).

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 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).

THY WORD IS A LAMP

1. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

2. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.