



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Phil Kuntz

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Whitley Davis

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Prelude on Beach Spring*  
Keith Maxey, organist

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Introit

*God Is On the Move*

arr. Semsen

Any time a heart turns from darkness to light, any time temptation comes and someone stands to fight, any time somebody lives to serve and not be served, I know, God is on the move in many mighty ways.

Any time in weakness someone falls upon their knees or dares to speak the truth that sets them free, any time the choice is made to stand upon the Word, I know, God is on the move in many mighty ways.

I see a generation standing on the Truth. In each and every nation God is on the move.

Any time the Gospel stirs a searching soul, and someone says, "Send me, here I go." I know, God is on the move.

Alpha and Omega Youth Choir; Chuck Foster, Justin Shelton, guitars; Riley Lynch, drums; name, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Processional Hymn No. 170

*O How I Love Jesus*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Phil Kuntz

**God, we want to measure up to your hopes for us. Open our eyes to see the places in our world where our compassion can help. Give us loving hearts, that we might reach out to our neighbors when they are in need. Grant us the courage to take risks for the sake of your kingdom. Help us to live lives that are worthy of you.**

*All pray in silence.*

God sets us free through Jesus, and forgives our sins. We live in the light of God's love. **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*

\* Sharing the Peace

Phil Kuntz

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Victoria Smathers

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

Luke 10: 25-28  
Pew Bible, NT page 71

Ella Vinay

Anthem

*Less Like Me*

arr. Wall

I have days I lose the fight, try my best, but just don't get it right. Where I talk a talk that I don't walk, and miss the moments right before my eyes. Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped, somebody with a hand that I could have held, when I just can't see past myself, Lord, help me be a little more like mercy, a little more like grace, a little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith. A little more like patience, a little more like peace, a little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

There's no denying I have changed, I've been saved from who I used to be. But even at my best, I must confess, I still need help to see the way You see. To feed the beggar on the street, love to be Your hands and feet, freely give what I receive. I want to put You first above all else, love my neighbor as myself, in the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be a little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

Sermon

"Love Strong"

Wayne Purdy

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn No. 581

*Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BEACH SPRING

Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

*Praise Song*

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\*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 No. 593

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

\* Benediction

Wayne Purdy

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

*Festivity*

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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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**THE WHITE ROSEBUD** on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alta Christy, Jeff Christy's mother.

**THE RED ROSEBUD** on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Margaret Anne Larson, new great-granddaughter of Dale & Margie Hilton.

**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". Contact Kellie Vinay (*Preschool Dir.*) or Victoria Smathers (*Children's Dir.*) for more information.

**GLOW PARTY** for kids: join us **TODAY** from 5 to 7pm for *Main Street Kids' First Ever Glow Party & Pumpkin Decorating!* We will enjoy snacks, face painting, treats, games, music, and GLOW STICKS! Bring your family and friends for this new and fun event. Pick out a pumpkin from the Patch or from the Fellowship Hall for you to decorate! This is going to be a totally "fall-some" time! Donations are welcome and go directly to support our Children's Ministry.

**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.

**STEPHEN VISITOR TRAINING:** A Stephen Visitor is a caring, compassionate person who will be assigned to visit a member of our congregation twice a month. We will hold an orientation that will take place in two sessions in the J.C. Groce classroom, each session lasting two hours. Here is the orientation schedule: Sunday, **October 8**, 4-6PM and Sunday, **October 15**, 4-6PM. Contact Pastor Phil TODAY if you are interested!

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **Oct. 11** is Baked Ham (*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). *J.C. Grose SS class serving.*

**GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Phil will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Galatians. The class will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 and will begin on **October 11** and finish on November 15. All that is required is a Bible, but a good study Bible will be helpful. Register for the class at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click on "signups" on the red stripe.

**A SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **October 15** from 11am until 1pm. No reservations are necessary. Proceeds from the luncheon will go towards the mission projects of United Women in Faith.

**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 strip and click on "signups."

**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).

# Lyrics

## O HOW I LOVE JESUS

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

## LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

## HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.