



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

*December 3, 2023
Jubilee Worship Service
Main Street United Methodist Church*

Scripture

Mark 13: 24-37

Bob Langlais

Sermon

“Wake Up”

Al Ward

*We are happy you have joined us for our Jubilee! Worship Service today!
Please sign the Connection Pad so that we may have a record of your presence.*

Today's Jubilee Worship Leaders:

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Dr. Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Michael Gehring, Senior Pastor

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The McGowan Family

Our Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision: *Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

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)

Announcements

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH! Pick up a pre-stamped MSUMC postcard in the Narthex, Chapel, and at the Welcome Desk in the Commons so you can mail it to friend and invite them to church. In addition to our regular worship services, there are several special services during this Advent season—invite someone to the Cantata, or the Service of Hope & Healing, or the Children's program, or to one of our three special Christmas Eve services!

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:30pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation. Our Oasis service is meant to be a time of refreshment and encouragement in the middle of a busy week. *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **Dec. 6** is Chicken Marsala (*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). *JC Grose SS class serving.*

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 7pm on **December 7** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be on Saturday, **December 9**. Mrs. Claus will be preparing delicious pancakes and bacon. Don't forget to bring your camera because Santa is looking forward to having his photograph taken with everyone who joins him for breakfast! The suggested donation for this morning of holiday cheer is only \$6.00 per person. Santa will be taking reservations for breakfast at 8:30am & 9:45am in the fellowship hall. Reservations are required, sign up at mainstreetumc.org and click on "signups" on the red stripe.

ADVENT MUSIC: On **December 10** at the 8:30 and 10:55 services in the Sanctuary, Main Street's combined choirs will present *Sing We Now of Christmas*, a service of Christmas Carols and tunes from France. In addition to the combined choirs, we will have a chamber orchestra along with organ and piano. That same morning, the Jubilee Band will present Contemporary Christmas songs at 8:45 in the Chapel. Throughout the season of Advent, service music will highlight Christmas carols from around the world.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING: The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Grief, sadness, tiredness, and anxiety are a few words that may describe the feelings you are experiencing. You may feel the need for gentle instead of jolly. Your Pastors and Stephen Ministers invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a Service of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, **December 12**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY will be presented in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm on **December 15**. We will hear music from the children's choirs and then enjoy the fully costumed re-telling of the Christmas story in the play titled "The First Christmas". Afterwards, we will enjoy dessert and cocoa/coffee. We hope to see you there!

OUR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet on December 21, December 28, January 4, or January 11. Enjoy the holidays and we will resume meeting on January 18.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **December 21**. Everyone is invited to read Charles Dickens' book, *A Christmas Carol*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist, Chancel Chorale Accompanist/Pianist, and a Technology Ministries Director. The complete job descriptions for these 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. December's items are canned mixed vegetables; 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

Gracefully Broken

Take all I have in these hands
And multiply, God, all that I am
And find my heart on the altar again
Set me on fire, set me on fire (repeat)

Here I am, God, Arms wide open
Pouring out my life gracefully broken

My heart stands in awe of Your name
Your mighty love stands strong to the end
You will fulfill Your purpose in me
You won't forsake me, You will be with me

Here I am, God, Arms wide open
Pouring out my life gracefully broken
Here I am, God, Arms wide open
Pouring out my life gracefully broken

All to Jesus now, All to Jesus now
I'm holding nothing back, Holding nothing back
I surrender

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (repeat)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my "Ebenezer";
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Seal it for Thy courts above.