



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Voluntary on Aurelia
Keith Maxey, organist

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Introit

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

-arr. Wagner

Alpha and Omega Youth Choir; Wes O'Brien, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine." Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken. For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He would bring me home. And day by day, I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne! To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus! All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

Your people everywhere glorify your name.

For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.

Turn to us and be gracious.

* Processional Hymn No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

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

Victoria Smathers

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	<i>Maker, in Whom We Live, vs. 4</i>	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
Stewardship Moment		Helen Poteet
Joys/Concerns/Prayer		Wayne Purdy
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.	
Kids' Time	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	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 <i>Kids Connect-Worship</i> . Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.		
Scripture	Galatians 2: 15-21 Pew Bible, NT page 188	Jennifer Graves
Anthem	<i>He Is God</i> Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Johnson/Fettke
Sermon	"One in Christ"	Phil Kuntz
* Hymn No. 566	<i>Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love, vv. 1, 2, and 4</i> (You are invited to bring your 2024 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)	EVAN
Offering Invitation		Wayne Purdy
Offertory	<i>Rondo Giocoso</i>	Wagner,(C) 2016 Hope Publishing Co.
*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		Wayne Purdy
* Hymn No. 547	<i>O Church of God, United, vv. 1, 2, and 3</i>	ELLACOMBE
* Benediction		Phil Kuntz
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude	<i>Postlude on Ellacombe</i>	Powell,(C) 2015 Oxford University Press
* 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
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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Bridget Leal Carnahan, great-granddaughter of Celia Leal. Parents are Brad & Mary Grace Carnahan.

THE WHITE ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Max Yontz, father of Robin Yontz; and Danny Marsh, husband of Dawn Marsh.

FROZEN CASSEROLE SALE: The United Women of Faith are selling frozen casseroles **TODAY** 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).

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 **Nov. 15** is Brunswick Stew (*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). *Genesis/Pathways SS classes serving.*

HERITAGE CLUB OUTING on **November 14** to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory for shopping & lunch. Bus will leave the church at 9:00. Cost for bus will be \$5 and you will pay for your lunch at the restaurant. Contact Debbie Smith for more information (*call church office for Debbie's phone number*).

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 7pm on **November 16** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT on **November 18** from 5 to 8pm. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

WE WILL HAVE OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on **November 19**, followed by a meeting of our Church Council at the conclusion of Charge Conference. As is always the case, Charge Conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our Church Council/Charge Conference, but wish to observe this Charge Conference session, please attend. However, only Church Council/Charge Conference members will be able to vote.

POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS: As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 26**. You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate today or you can place your order using the "sign ups" tab on our church website (www.mainstreetumc.org). If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and ***we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 19 newsletter.***

RETURN YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES for Operation Christmas Child by **December 3** at NOON. Filled boxes can be placed under the table in the Narthex.

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. November's items are sugar, flour, and baking items; 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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

BLEST BE THE DEAR UNITING LOVE

1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!

O CHURCH OF GOD, UNITED

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.