


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Brian Vannoy, organist

Introit

A Festive Intrada

Dobrinski

Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, director

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

* Processional Hymn No. 617

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Victoria Smathers

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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

Mark 1: 29-39

Pew Bible, NT page 35

Chuck Dagenhart

Anthem

With Music I Will Praise Thee

Sleeth/arr.Giardinieri

Chancel Choir with Main Street Handbells; Leslie Antieau, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Homily

"A Solitary Place"

Al Ward

* Hymn No. 375

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

* Offering Invitation

Wayne Purdy

Offertory

*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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Al Ward and Phil Kuntz

(Phil) The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

(Al) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

Sharing the Meal

Music for Meditation, Brian Vannoy

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail. Pre-packaged Communion elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.

Prayer after Communion

Phil Kuntz

* Hymn No. 634

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

* Benediction

Al Ward

* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Cynthia Barron and Ann Ballard

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!

Wednesdays (September-May)

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

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

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

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

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Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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Announcements

VOLUNTEER PIANIST NEEDED: The Carol Elementary Children's choir is in need of a *volunteer pianist* for the Spring semester. We practice on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 pm. If you have piano skills, a love for children, and a desire to help, please contact Nancy Blakemore in the church office (336-993-3411).

VOLUNTEER COUNTER NEEDED: We are in need of a volunteer to count the offering after the 10:55 service on the FIRST Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411).

TAKE A HIKE walking group will meet on Tuesday, **February 6**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 AM if the weather permits and walk the nearby Kerner Creek Greenway. We will walk if the temperature is 40 degrees by 9. Let the church office or Wade Hampton know if you would like to be added to the text message group for hiking updates.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **Feb. 7** is Spaghetti (*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). *Great Expectations SS class serving.*

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT, a short-term Disciple Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting February 28 and ending on May 1. Buck Murchison will facilitate this Bible Study. This class will meet in Room 320, which is the upstairs classroom in the Commons area (elevator access is available). The participant book is \$18.50 and will be available for purchase through the church office. Register for the class at www.mainstreetumc.org and click on the red "signups" tab. Class size will be limited to 12 participants.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **February 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

HERITAGE CLUB will have dinner and a movie on **February 10** at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The movie will be "The Jesus Revolution." Cost is \$5 per person for the BBQ dinner. Signup by February 1; contact Debbie Smith.

COME OUT and join us for the *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* hosted by our youth on **February 13** from 6:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hal (dine-in or to-go). The meal is free but donations will be accepted towards Youth Missions.

ASH WEDNESDAY worship services on **February 14**—join us at our NOON service at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens or come to the 7:00pm service in our Sanctuary!

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **February 29**. Everyone is invited to read Dennis Covington's book, Salvation on Sand Mountain, in advance and join us for the discussion.

UMM CHICKEN PIES: it's time to place your order for frozen chicken pies again! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any UMM member or you can email Frank Robbins (contact church office for email/phone) with your order request, name, and phone number. The last day to order will be February 18. You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on February 24. If you are unable to pickup your items on **February 24**, please make arrangements with the person you ordered your items from to meet you or deliver the items to you or please send someone else to pick up your items on Feb. 24; the office may not be available at your convenience to assist during the week.

GET YOUR EASTER BAKED GOODS from Circle #4. Once again, we will be selling Wilkerson's Moravian Baked Goods for delivery prior to Good Friday. We will begin the sale for fundraising in March. More details will follow.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist 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. February's items are canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix; 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).

VOLUNTEER SOUND TECHS are still needed to help with all of our worship services. No experience is required and training is available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Lyrics

I COME WITH JOY

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us that makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

1. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
2. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
3. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE

1. Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.
2. With minds alert, upheld by grace to spread the word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then grant us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim way, and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.