

MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 25, 2024

Children's Sabbath

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

*Prelude on 'Morning Has Broken'*

Brian Vannoy, organist

arr. Bock

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Jesus loves me, this I know.

**For the Bible tells me so.**

Little ones to him belong,

**They are weak, but He is strong.**

Charlotte Parcell

\* Processional Hymn No. 64

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

Anthem

*Fishers of Men*

Larkin Garrison and Hazel Wells, soloists with Carol Choir

Sensen

\* Litany for Children's Sabbath

Kellie Vinay

Lord, today we thank you for children, all the children of the world, the big ones, the little ones, the friendly ones, and the mischievous ones.

**Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

Lord, we pray especially for children who are hungry, thirsty, unwanted, unloved, abused, or abandoned. We praise you for foster and adoptive families, for grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts and churches that open their hearts and doors. We pray for children who have no one to take care of them and for the ones outside our sanctuary doors. Lord, forgive us and prick our consciousness so we see and hear children in need.

**Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

Lord, we pray that every child will be anxiously anticipated and warmly welcomed as you intended. When we hear the laughter of happy children, we know you are pleased.

**Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

**ALL: We praise you for all the children of Main Street United Methodist Church and our community.**

\* Sharing the Peace

Kellie Vinay

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.**



Moments with the Adults	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	Ella Vinay
<b>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.</b>		
Recognition of Staff and Volunteers		Wayne Purdy
Scripture	Ephesians 4: 32 Pew Bible, NT page 194	Ky' Stack
Anthem	<i>Love One Another</i> Angel Choir and Carol Choir	Traditional/arr. Burrows
Message	"Love in Many Phases and Places"	Victoria Smathers
* Hymn No. 170	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	O HOW I LOVE JESUS
Offering Invitation		Phil Kuntz
Offertory	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	arr. Fischer
Slideshow	Highlights of Children's Ministry and Preschool	
* Doxology	<b>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!</b>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Kellie Vinay
Preschool Presentation		
Congregational Song (lyrics on screen)	<i>Never Be</i>	Orange Kids
* Benediction		Victoria Smathers
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude	<i>Praise God, You Christians, All Together</i>	JS Bach

\* please stand as you are able



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*During the season of Lent, the church is more subdued than other times during the year. This is an expression of our penitence and re-focusing our lives on serving God. The decoration in the church is scaled back and some elements are removed, leading up to Maundy Thursday, when we strip the church of all decoration. During Lent, we remove all the brass that we can from our sanctuary and replace it with wooden candlesticks, wicker baskets for offering, and wooden crosses. For those items that cannot be removed, we cover them in a purple cloth. This scaling back and removal of decoration during Lent and the replacing of it on Easter helps us truly celebrate in a visual way the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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**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](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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## 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  
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

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# Announcements

**THE WHITE ROSEBUDS** on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Charles Van Dyke, father of Teresa Smith; Sylvia Edwards, mother of Julia Kinlaw; and Ann Kirkman.

**KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY** is looking for prayer partners to fill up a prayer chain on their Biannual Mission Trip to Raleigh Central Prison (RCP). Please sign the prayer chain at the Kairos table located between the narthex and the Commons area. If any of you feel led, they are accepting Meal Tickets to provide a meal to the residents for \$10/each. This year's trip is from March 6-9, and is being led by Steve Reid. Thank you for your support!

**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).

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **Feb. 28** is White Chicken Chili (*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). *New Horizons/Journey/Rise SS classes serving.*

**BETHANY CAFÉ** volunteers needed: Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe).

**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.

**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. Register for the class at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) "signups" tab.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**--Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, **March 10** from 3 to 5pm for Egg Hunts, snacks, games, crafts, and more! Please sign up each child who will be attending, and select their time slot for their egg hunt. This event is free, though we appreciate your donations towards our Children's Ministry! Egg Hunt slots are limited to 25 children per time slot. Sign up at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under the "signups" tab on the red stripe. Contact Director of Children's Ministry, Victoria Smathers, at [victoria.smathers@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:victoria.smathers@mainstreetumc.org) for more information.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** for March/April have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

**LENTEN CANTATA:** On Sunday, **March 17** the Combined Choirs and guest musicians will present the Lenten Cantata, *Music of Ireland: St. Patrick's Hymn*. All the music is either based on Irish tunes, written by Irish composers, or uses the text known as "Saint Patrick's Breastplate." Featured among the guest musicians are Glen Alexander and Sharon Fogarty, known as "The Fiddler and the Flutist." They will present a fifteen-minute extended Prelude of Irish tunes and hymns from 10:45-11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited. The Combined Choirs will present the Cantata in the 8:30 and 10:55 Services.

**PREACHER JEOPARDY** at the United Methodist Men's Quarterly Dinner on Tuesday, **March 19**. We will have dinner at 7 PM. Our program will be *Preacher Jeopardy*. Come see a Jeopardy game featuring contestants Rev. Al Ward, Rev. Phil Kuntz, and Rev. Wayne Purdy. Host Ken Jennings will be played by Wes O'Brien. All interested church folks are invited to be part of the studio audience. Make your dinner reservations by Friday, March 15 at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and look for "signups" on the red stripe.

**GET YOUR EASTER BAKED GOODS** from Circle #4! Once again, we will be selling Wilkerson's Moravian Baked Goods for delivery on **March 28** from 10am to noon in the Commons Area Kitchen. We will take orders from March 1 to March 15. Hot Cross Buns (\$9.50), Sugar Cake (\$12.00), and Sugar Cookies (\$12.50) may be ordered from Janice Atchison (336-391-3149), Phyllis Davis (336-830-9271) or any Circle 4 member. All proceeds go to local missions.

**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](http://mainstreetumc.org) or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details (336-993-3411).



## Lyrics

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, through the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

### 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!