



March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

Voices of Diakonia (*Voices of Servanthood*)

Bob Langlais
Martha Berry

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Jesus du, du bist mein Leben
Brian Vannoy, organist

Fabricius

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. 545

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

* 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

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

John 2: 13-22
Pew Bible, NT page 93

Ray Thomas

Anthem

And We Remember Him
Chancel Choir; Brian Vannoy, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Althouse

Homily

"Necessary Chaos"

Wayne Purdy

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

Pastorale

Peeters

*Offertory Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs 4

HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Phil Kuntz

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Phil Kuntz and Wayne Purdy

(Wayne) 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.

(Phil) 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

Phil Kuntz

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

Wayne Purdy

* Hymn No. 614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

FOR THE BREAD

* Benediction

Wayne Purdy

* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

Canzona

A. Gabrieli

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Bill & Emily Dreshfield, Tina Crew

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.

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
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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Cecilia Gabrielle, new granddaughter of Clay Howard and Nicole Howard.

THE WHITE ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Jamie Young and Arthur Craddock.

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!

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 March 6 is Pasta Fazool Italian Soup (*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*). *Seafarers SS class serving.*

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

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 (look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe).

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 under the "signups" tab on the red stripe. Contact Director of Children's Ministry, Victoria Smathers, at 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. Everyone is invited to dinner and the program! We will have dinner at 7 PM; donations will be accepted towards the cost of the meal. 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 and look for "signups" on the red stripe.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP is scheduled for March 23 at 9:00am. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help make our Cemetery beautiful in preparation for our Easter Sunrise Service.

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.

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.

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.