



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2024

Passion/Palm Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Fanfare and Procession*  
Brian Vannoy, organist

Chapman

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Wayne Purdy

In joy, we gather this day. **Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.**

In remembrance, we gather this day. **Hosanna to the son of David.**

In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray. **Hosanna to the Son of God!**

\* Processional Hymn No. 280

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Phil Kuntz

**Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet, even ourselves.** *All pray in silence.*

God's face of love shines upon us. Christ's eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls with mercy and compassion. The Spirit's sustenance offers us grace and hope, that we may rise and walk forth in joy. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Phil Kuntz

**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*

\* Sharing the Peace

Phil Kuntz

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.**

# 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

Luke 19: 28-40  
Pew Bible, NT page 83

Emily Dreshfield

Anthem

*Blessed Is He Who Comes*  
Carol Choir, Chancel Choir and Main Street Handbell Ensemble;  
Brian Vannoy, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Becki Slagle Mayo

Sermon

"And the Stones Will Cry Out"

Mike Gehring

# WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn TFWS No. 2083

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

RHOSYMEDRE

Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

*Adagio*

Phillips

\*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

Wayne Purdy

\* Hymn No. 278

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

\* Benediction

Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

*The Royal Banners Forward Go*

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\* please stand as you are able

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## ***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)*

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### **Thank you for worshipping 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

## **Main Street United Methodist Church**

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# Announcements

**WE WILL NOT HAVE** our Oasis service or our Wednesday Connect Dinner on March 27 or April 3 due to Holy Week and Spring Break. Both events will resume on April 10.

**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).

**PICKUP YOUR EASTER BAKED GOODS**—If you ordered baked goods from Circle 4 as part of their fundraiser, be sure to pickup your pre-ordered items on **March 28** from 10am until noon in the Commons Area Kitchen.

**THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB** will meet at noon in Room 310 on **March 28**. Everyone is invited to read Graham Greene’s book, *The Power and the Glory*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** *Maundy Thursday* worship service on **March 28** at 7:00pm with a message by Rev. Al Ward; *Good Friday* worship service on **March 29** at 7:00pm with a message by Rev. Phil Kuntz; *Easter Sunrise Service* on **March 31** at 6:30am with a message by Rev. Wayne Purdy, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

**EASTER WORSHIP** on **March 31** at 8:30, 8:45, and 10:55—*Celebrate the Resurrection* at our Easter Worship Services with a message by Rev. Mike Gehring. There will be triumphant praise music at the 8:45am Jubilee service and joyous music at 8:30 and 10:55 services from the Combined Choirs with a string quartet, organ, timpani, and trumpet.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on **April 1** for Easter Monday. We will re-open at 8:30am on April 2.

**HERITAGE CLUB** has several upcoming events and new friends are always welcome to join us: On **April 2** we will have a covered-dish luncheon with the River Landing Band in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00. The band will eat with us before they perform. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a dish or two that will feed a crowd. On **April 12** we will travel to Willingham Theater for the show “Southern Fried Funeral”. Tickets are \$24. We will eat dinner at 5:30pm at the Willingham Bistro in Yadkinville before the show. Meet at the church at 4:30 to ride bus or meet us at the restaurant at 5:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5. **Reservations for the show and payment are required by March 24.** Contact Debbie Smith for reservations and payment.

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm (*new time!*) on **April 4** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**NEW 6-WEEK STUDY ON WESLEY’S THREE RULES** Miriam Ward will facilitate a small-group study based on Rueben P. Job's book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*. Six sessions provide extended reflection on three principles of Christian life: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Each rule has a session to help you understand the rule and a session to help you explore ways to practice the rule. This class will run from **April 8** to May 13 and will meet at 10:00am in room 320 (upstairs Commons). Participants will need to pay for the book (\$10.00) and the church will order the books. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Register at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (look for the “sign-ups” tab on the red stripe).

**GRIEFSHARE:** We are pleased to offer a GriefShare support group at Main Street that will begin on **April 11** and run through July 18. The group will meet on Thursdays at 10:00am. For more information and to register for the group (limited to 10 participants), go to [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup).

**SHREDDING:** Circle #2 is sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **April 13** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION:** In anticipation of General Conference scheduled for the end of April, we will have a presentation by Kim Ingram, who was elected as the lead clergy delegate for General Conference. She brings a wealth of information about the challenges our denomination faces and the upcoming legislative proposals. Everyone is invited to join us in the Sanctuary on **April 14** at 4pm for this informational presentation.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to attend our *Spring Brunch* in the Fellowship Hall on **April 28** from 9:30am until 1:00pm. This is a fundraiser for the United Women in Faith and donations will be accepted. Come out and enjoy breakfast casserole, fruit, muffins, pastries, coffee, juice, and milk while you socialize with other church members before or after you worship!

**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

## ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

1. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.
2. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
2. God left the richest throne salvation to be stow; but Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know. But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need did life expend; who at my need did life expend.
3. Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang. Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang. The "Crucify!" is all their breath, for blood and death they thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
4. What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite? Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise; themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.
5. I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours: never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend; I all my days could gladly spend.

## HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!