

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30am

Worship Service

Welcome

Phil Kuntz

Prelude

Music of Ireland

"The Fiddler and the Flutist"
Glen Alexander and Sharon Fogarty

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Phil Kuntz

**I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord.** Saint Patrick, Ireland, 5th Cent., Alt.

* Hymn No. 145

Morning Has Broken

Irish tune/BUNESSAN

* A Prayer of Saint Patrick

Phil Kuntz

Christ be with us, Christ before us, **Christ behind us, Christ within us,**
Christ beneath us, Christ above us, **Christ on our right, Christ on our left,**
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us, **Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to us,**
Christ in every eye that sees us, **Christ in every ear that hears us,**
Salvation is of the Lord, **Salvation is of the Christ,**
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

Saint Patrick

* Sharing the Peace

Phil Kuntz

Church Family News

Phil Kuntz

Joys & Concerns

Mike Gehring

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Mike Gehring

**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.**

Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Irish tune/arr. Adam Mitchell

Main Street Combined Choirs; Sharon Fogarty, flute; Main Street Handbell Choir; Brian Vannoy, organ

Adam Mitchell, conductor

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

**High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Offertory Response No. 298 *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

Music of Ireland: St. Patrick's Hymn (*see insert*)

* Hymn No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

Irish tune/SLANE

* Spoken Dismissal (*unison*)

Mike Gehring

May the strength of God pilot us, May the Wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us, Be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

Saint Patrick

Postlude

Postlude on "St. Dunstan's"—Near He Who Would Valiant Be

* please stand as you are able

The Lenten Choir

Nancy Blakemore, conductor

Brian Vannoy, organist

Jenny Bail, pianist

Myla and Paul O'Brien, narrators

Leslie Antiau, rehearsal accompanist

Andy Anderson
Dave Black
Rich Blakemore
Jim Chesson
Mac Clement
Nancy Copeland
Melissa Dreshfield

Chuck Foster
Claine Fotia
Wade Hampton
Shaw Kenion
Eileen Kirby-Smith
Celia Leal
Joy Malit

Leon Martin
Lou Martin
Betty McDoo
Claire McCullough
Sarah McCullough
Cheryl McKinney
Adam Mitchell

Brenda Montague
Kathy Moore
Francesca Romolo
Chris Thompson
Gail Tozer
Sharyn Turner

The Lenten Orchestra

Glen Alexander, violin, guitar

Mark Biggam, oboe

Jenny Bail, piano

Sharon Fogarty, flute, penny whistle

Rich Blakemore, trumpet

Brian Vannoy, organ

Megan Whelan, flute

Paul Manz, horn

Elliott Thomas, oboe

Erin Lopp, percussion

Main Street Handbell Ringers

Lance Antiau
Leslie Antiau
Lisa Bishop
Dave Black

Nancy Bolen
Susan Boyd
Claine Fotia
Amy Macumber

Salzm Smith-Shupp
Anne Southern
Kelly Thompson
Linda Wakefield

Special thanks to Kathy Cissna, Michael Whicker, Sloan Pigg, Sound and TV Team



Music of Ireland:

St. Patrick's Hymn

Narration

Myla O'Brien

Sail the Soul

Liam Lawton/arr. John McCann

Lord of the pilgrim and Lord of the way, Guide ev'ry footstep, each journey I make.
Lord of the seeker and Lord of all truth, Clear be the vision wherever I look.
And when the times of trial arise, Be Lord of my longing, be Lord of my life.
Lord of the pilgrim and Lord of the way, Safe in your shadow, be our rest each day.

*Refrain: Sail the waves, may God safely guide us. Through all days may heaven inspire us.
Comforting winds in glory will sing. Soft falling rain God's healing will bring. Sail the shore and find heaven's
shelter. Sail the soul, in waters so gentle remain.*

Lord of the heavens and Lord of the seas, You calm raging waters and quiet the breeze.
Lord of the rivers and Lord of the streams, Holy the silence of God's gentle peace.
And when the night of storms arise, Be Lord of all danger and Lord of all tides.
Lord of the heavens and Lord of the seas, Comfort, restore us, our guard ever be. *(Refrain)*

Lord of our country and Lord of our land, Heal our divisions, embrace all our plans.
Lord of our children and Lord of our care, Be now our minder, the source of our fare.
And when our hearts grow cold with fear, Be Lord of tomorrow, our hope always near.
Lord of our country and Lord of our land, Hold us and guide us in your loving hands. *(Refrain)*

Luke 4: 14-21

Paul O'Brien

My Soul Cries Out

Irish tune/Rory Cooney/arr. Mark Hayes

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me. And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *(Refrain)*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *(Refrain)*

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *(Refrain)*

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Adam Mitchell, tenor soloist

Liam Lawton/arr. Paul A. Tat

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I'll want, nothing I'll want. Fresh and green are God's rich pastures. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I'll want, nothing I'll want, for God guides me to living water.

Near restful waters you guide my soul, revive my spirit, and make me whole. Guide me on the right path, guide me on the right path. You are true to your name. *(Refrain)*

If I should walk in a vale of dark, you comfort me with a crook and staff. And from this valley, and from this valley you are there to call me home. *(Refrain)*

Goodness and kindness shall follow me and I shall find prosperity. And in God's house, and in God's house my dwelling place shall be. *(Refrain)*

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-28

Paul O'Brien

Above the Hills of Time

Londonderry Air/arr. Carl Strommen

Above the hills of time the cross is gleaming, fair as the sun when night has turned to day;
And from it love's pure light is richly streaming, To cleanse the heart and banish sin away.
To this dear cross the eyes of all are turning today as in the ages lost to sight; and so for thee,
O Christ, our hearts are yearning, as shipwrecked sailors yearn for early morning light.

The cross, O Christ, thy wondrous love revealing, awakes our hearts as with the light of morn,
And pardon o'er our sinful spirits stealing, tells us that we, in thee, have been reborn.
Like echoes to sweet temple bells replying, our hearts, O Lord, make answer to thy love;
And we will love thee with a love undying, till we are gathered to thy home above.

Mark 15: 25-39; John 1: 29b

Myla O'Brien

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

English/Irish Folk Tune/arr. Dan Forrest

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down,
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Narration

Paul O'Brien

St. Patrick's Hymn

St. Patrick/Dan Forrest

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May the hand of God protect us, Be always ours this day and forevermore.

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 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.

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

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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 Cameron Olivia Tolliver, new granddaughter of David & Lisa Tolliver.

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 20** is Chicken Corn Chowder (*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). *Cornerstone SS class 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 (look for the “sign-ups” tab on the red stripe).

HERITAGE CLUB has several upcoming events and new friends are always welcome to join us: On **March 19** meet for Breakfast at Country Barbeque on Wendover in Greensboro and Shopping at Hamrick’s. Meet at the church at 8:40 to carpool or at the restaurant by 9:00. Pay for your meal at the restaurant. 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 7pm on **March 21** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: *Palm Sunday* worship services on March 24 at 8:30, 8:45, and 10:55; *Maundy Thursday* worship service on March 28 at 7:00pm; *Good Friday* worship service on March 29 at 7:00pm; *Easter Sunrise Service* on March 31 at 6:30am, 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.

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 start on **April 8** and will meet at 10:00am in room 320 (upstairs Commons classroom). 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 (look for the “sign-ups” tab on the red stripe).

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.

CRISIS CONTROL Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control’s Item of the Month. March’s item is canned meats; 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.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH! Pick up a pre-stamped MSUMC postcard in the Narthex, Chapel, and at the Welcome Desk in the Commons so you can mail it to friend and invite them to church.