

# Resurrection

## SUNDAY



### MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

8:30am

Worship Service

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Welcome		Victoria Smathers
Prelude	<i>Festal Voluntary</i> Brian Vannoy, organist	Peeters
* The Easter Proclamation		Victoria Smathers
	Christ is risen! <b>Christ is risen indeed!</b>	
* Hymn No. 302	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, vv. 1, 2, 3, and 4</i>	EASTER HYMN
Scripture	John 20: 1-18 Pew Bible, NT page 114	Tracy Whitaker
Anthem	<i>On the Third Day (from the Apostle's Creed)</i> Main Street Choirs with orchestral ensemble; Brian Vannoy, piano; Nancy Blakemore, director <i>Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried. On the third day Christ arose. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end. Christ is risen from the dead, He is risen as He said, He is alive, He is alive, Alleluia!</i>	Pote
Sermon	"The Light and the Life"	Mike Gehring
* Hymn No. 308	<i>Thine Be the Glory</i>	JUDAS MACCABEUS
* Affirmation of Faith No. 880	The Nicene Creed	Phil Kuntz
	<b>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</b>	<i>*universal</i>
* Choral Response	<i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine, vs. 5</i> <b>Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ Is Lord; And God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>	SINE NOMINE

\* Sharing the Peace Phil Kuntz  
Church Family News Phil Kuntz  
Joys & Concerns Phil Kuntz

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Offering Invitation Phil Kuntz  
Offertory

*Sonata Paschalis (Easter Sonata)*  
*Allegro – Adagio – Allegro*  
Suzy Perkins and Richard Dunn, violin; Brian Vannoy, organ

Vejvanovsky/arr. Hyslop

\*Doxology No. 94

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**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 Phil Kuntz

\* Hymn No. 327

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

(Members of the congregation are invited to come forward during the last hymn to sing with the Choir on the Hallelujah Chorus.  
Extra copies of the music are available in the choir loft.)

\* Benediction Phil Kuntz

\* Choral Benediction

*Hallelujah* from MESSIAH

Handel

Postlude

*Toccata*

Widor

\* please stand as you are able

### Easter Orchestral Ensemble

Suzy Perkins, violin 1  
Richard Dunn, violin 2  
Laura Blankenship, viola  
Alex Johnston, cello

Rich Blakemore, trumpet  
Ryan Friddle, timpani and percussion  
Brian Vannoy, organ and piano

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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!**

**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**

6:30pm 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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## SING WITH THE CHOIR ON THE “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” TODAY

*Members of the congregation are invited to come forward during the singing of the last hymn to join with the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Extra copies of the music are available on either side of the choir loft.*

**THE WHITE ROSEBUD** on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Gentry.

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

**TAKE A HIKE** on Tuesday, **April 2**. We'll do a loop through Paul Ciener Gardens to see the tulips plus a couple of nearby parks. Meet in church parking lot at 9.

**HERITAGE CLUB and CIRCLE 2:** 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.

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

**THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB** will meet at noon in Room 310 on **April 4**. Everyone is invited to read Graham Greene's book, *The Power and the Glory*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

**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** on **April 14** at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. In anticipation of the United Methodist Church's 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. Plan to join us for this important presentation!

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** will be on **April 28**. Contact Pastor Phil Kuntz if you are interested in joining the church on this date.

**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!

**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*).

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. April's items are pancake mix and syrup; 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*).