



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:55 am  
Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Voluntary in A Major  
Henry Tysinger, organist

William Selby

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Victoria Smathers

**Holy Spirit, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. Amen.**

\* Processional Hymn No.154

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, vv 1, 2, 3, and 4*

CORONATION

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

**Loving God, we can be so sure that we know what is best. We head into life following our own dreams. Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace, that we may gain new vision. When despair and sadness overwhelm us, and when hope fails us, teach us to dance to the music of your love. Open us up, O God, that we may see your path, walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. *All pray in silence.***  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. God is at work, transforming our sorrow, giving us hope for a new day. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

**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*

\* Sung Response No. 166

*All Praise to Thee, vs. 5*

SINE NOMINE

**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!**

\* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

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.

## 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 Acts 9: 1-22 Bonnie Macumber  
Pew Bible, NT page 127

Anthem *For Such a Time As This* Martin  
Chancel Choir; Henry Tysinger, guest pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "Pride, Fall, and Redemption" Mike Gehring

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn No. 378 *Amazing Grace, vv 1, 2, 3, and 6* AMAZING GRACE

Offering Invitation Phil Kuntz  
Offertory *A Dance Prelude* Gilbert M. Martin  
\*Doxology No. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**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 Wayne Purdy

\* Hymn No. 454 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

\* Benediction Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Finale in D Minor* Eric H. Thiman

\* 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**

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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# Announcements

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to attend our *Spring Brunch* in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** 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!

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **May 1** is Meatloaf (*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*.

**FOOD DRIVE:** United Methodists across North Carolina are joining together to nourish our neighbors during the two weeks of the General Conference (April 23-May 3) as a part of our mission initiative, ***One Body: Nourishing North Carolina***. United Methodists from around the world will be in Charlotte for General Conference; and as the world's eyes are focused on disaffiliation and schism, ***One Body: Nourishing North Carolina*** will combat food insecurity in North Carolina, providing an alternative narrative of hope and healing. Main Street UMC will focus on collecting non-perishable food donations for both *Crisis Control* and *Project Re3 Hope Center* to distribute in our local community. From **April 21 to May 5**, bring your non-perishable food donations to the church and deposit them in the bins for Crisis Control and Project Re3.

**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a new study of *All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter on **April 30**. This 8-week study will be led by Joy Key and Kimberly Thompson. We begin at 10:30am and finish around noon. The church will order some books or you can order a copy on your own. Books will cost \$17 (*exact change or check please*). Register by calling the church at 336-993-3411 or emailing kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Please join us for National Day of Prayer at the Kernersville Family YMCA in partnership with the Kernersville Christian Ministry Fellowship. This FREE event will include breakfast, prayer, reflection, and fellowship on **May 2** at 7:00am. Please RSVP by April 26 to Adam Cardwell at a.cardwell@ymcanwnc.org or 336 996 2231.

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **May 2** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**SPRING FOLLY PARKING FUNDRAISER** on **May 4:** Mark your calendars for Kernersville's Spring Folly and help us raise money for Crisis Control by collecting donations from those attending the festival who park in our parking lot. This year, Main Street will need to fill volunteer spots from **10am to 12** and **12 to 2pm** on Saturday, May 4. Crisis Control will provide volunteers for the other time slots. Sign up at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) and click on "signups" on the red stripe. Thank you for helping our community provide for those who are in need!

**OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON**—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 9** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM:** The Carol Children's Choir will present their Spring Musical entitled "The Big Fish" on Sunday, **May 19** at 10:00 am during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come hear this charming rendition of the story of Jonah and the Big Fish, told in a "Film-Noir" style--like an old-fashioned detective movie!

**ICE CREAM SUNDAE MIXER**—*Make a Friend and Make a Sundae!* Join us in the Commons on **May 19** at 3:00pm. Vanilla & Chocolate ice cream and toppings will be provided by the Member Care Committee. You are welcome to bring your own store-bought or homemade ice cream to add to the fun! Please let us know that you plan to attend by registering at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (*click on "signups" on the red stripe*). Childcare is available. Deadline to signup is **May 15**.

**HELP US CELEBRATE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**—We will be collecting Graduation Cards for the High School Graduates that will be given to them during the 10:55am service on Sunday, June 2. The next time you are at the store, pick up cards for the High School Seniors below and place them in the collection box that will be located in the Narthex until **May 28**. Our High School graduates are Katherine Hanks, Jackson Napier, Michael Pitts, Emma Saporito, Will Sharpe, and Landon Vinay.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES:** Church members who have recently graduated from college (Associates, Bachelors, and post-graduate degrees) are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned to Kathryn in the church office (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org) by **May 30** to be included in the June newsletter.

**JOB OPENINGS:** We would like to hire a Church Organist/Pianist 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 HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

### AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!