

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**April 7, 2024**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**10:55 am**

*Traditional Worship Service*

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Church Family News		Victoria Smathers
Voice of Diakonia ( <i>Voice of Servanthood</i> )		Jan Hampton
Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> Henry Tysinger, organist	Tambling
Chiming of the Trinity		
* Call to Worship		Victoria Smathers
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> The risen Christ is with us. <b>Praise the Lord!</b>		
* Processional Hymn No. 318	<i>Christ Is Alive</i>	TRURO
* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Victoria Smathers
<b>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.</b> <i>All pray in silence.</i> 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! <b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.</b>		
* Sharing the Peace		Victoria Smathers
Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer		Mike Gehring
Kids' Time	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i> <b>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.</b> Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are dismissed to <i>Kids Connect-Worship</i> . Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.	Victoria Smathers
Scripture	John 20: 19-31 Pew Bible, NT page 115	Cynthia Barron
Anthem	<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i> Chancel Choir; Henry Tysinger, guest organist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Lau
Homily	"We of Little Faith"	Wayne Purdy
* Hymn No. 307	<i>Christ Is Risen</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
* Offering Invitation Offertory	<i>Andante in A Major</i>	Mike Gehring Handel

**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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Mike Gehring 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.

*(Mike)* 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

**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, Henry Tysinger

*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. 303

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

\* Benediction

Wayne Purdy

\* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

*The Strife Is O'er*

Rawsthorne

\* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Diana Williams, Mark & Jennifer Graves

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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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# Announcements

**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 **April 10** is Chicken Marsala (*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*). *Crossroads/Genesis SS classes 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*).

**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 (*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!

**THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB** will meet at noon in Room 310 on **April 18**. Everyone is invited to read Russell Moore's book, *Losing Our Religion*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm (*new time!*) on **April 18** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**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!

**OUR HERITAGE CLUB** will go to a Grasshopper Baseball Game on May 21. Game starts at 6:30. Bus will leave the church at 5:30. Cost will be \$12 for the game and to ride the bus will be \$5. "Discount Tuesday" prices on food and drinks. Reservations and payment required by **April 21** (contact Debbie Smith).

**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 or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details (336-993-3411).

**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*).

**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.

## Lyrics

### CHRIST IS ALIVE

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### CHRIST IS RISEN

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

### THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.