

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 2, 2024**

*Graduate Sunday*

**10:55 am**

*Traditional Worship Service*

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Church Council Announcement

Ann Ballard

Prelude

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
Jeanell Brown, organist

LAUDES DOMINI/arr. Payne

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

\* Processional Hymn No. 89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

\* Procession of the Graduates

\* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Victoria Smathers

**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.** *All pray in silence.*

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! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

\* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.

Linville Scholarship Presentation

Graduate Moments

Wayne Purdy

Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-8, 52: 6-9  
Pew Bible, OT page 635

Wayne Purdy

Anthem

*Trust in You*

arr. Allen

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet. Every moment of my wandering never changes what You see. I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest. Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face You're by my side. When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move, when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through. When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust in You! Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead You have not seen. So in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand. You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand. Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good. There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. I will trust in You.

Alpha & Omega Youth Choir; Wes O'Brien, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

Homily "Whom Shall I Send?" Mike Gehring

Hymn No. 593 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

\* Offering Invitation Phil Kuntz

Offertory *Evidence* arr. Gambill

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me. The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing. I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life. Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave. You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be. See the cross, the empty grave; the evidence is endless. All my sin rolled away because of You Jesus. Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Alpha & Omega Youth Choir; Wes O'Brien, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

\*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 Phil Kuntz

Sacrament of Holy Communion Mike Gehring, Phil Kuntz, and Wayne Purdy

*(Phil)* 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 Wayne Purdy

**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, Jeanell Brown

*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 Phil Kuntz

\* Hymn TFWS No. 2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* LAND OF REST

\* Benediction Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY/arr. Lowe & Young

\* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Tina Higgins and Joan Johnson

**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

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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

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Willie Craven, Custodian

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Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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# Announcements

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

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to help count the offering after the 10:55 service on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** the deadline for the JC Grose Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is **June 17**; and the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**.

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

**UMM DINNER:** *What's Growing in North Carolina?* Our United Methodist Men's Quarterly dinner will be **June 11** at 7 PM. Our special speaker will be Jenny Fulton. Come hear her share about the state of farming in North Carolina. Jenny works for the NC State Department of Agriculture. She specializes in marketing, especially Produce, Christmas Trees, Herbs, Horticulture, and Craft Beer. Be sure to make your dinner reservations under "signups" at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) by Friday, June 7 and invite a friend to dinner.

**A 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** called *A Bead and a Prayer*, led by Miriam Ward, will be offered on Monday mornings (**June 17, 24, July 1, 8**) at 10:30am in Room 320. *A Bead and a Prayer* is a beginner's guide to Protestant prayer beads. We will make our own set of prayer beads and use them as a prayer tool to assist us when we pray. Each participant will need a book and bead supplies. Register with Kathryn in the church office at 336-993-3411 and pay \$11 (*exact change or check please*) for the book. Purchase your own bead supplies before the first class; Kathryn will give you a supply list. Contact Miriam Ward at 336-955-7015 if you have any questions.

## UPCOMING HERITAGE CLUB OUTINGS:

- Breakfast at Moose Café and shopping for fresh vegetables at the Farmer's Market on **June 11**. Meet at the church at 9:00am to ride the bus or meet us there.
- High Point University Arboretum & Botanical Garden Tour at 11:00 on **June 20** and will leave the church at 10:15. There is no cost for the tour. The tour of the gardens is almost entirely outdoors, and typically takes 1.5 hours. We will be walking or standing for the full time, though there are places to rest if needed. It is recommended to bring sun protection, comfy shoes, and a water bottle. Following the tour, we will eat lunch at the Bistro 1605 in High Point. 2:00. Group size is limited to 20-25 people, so reservations are required by June 14.

**BABAUNDE'S INFORMATION SESSIONS:** Babatunde has just finished school for the year and is almost finished with his undergraduate degree from Greensboro College. He has summer classes to take, one more fall semester, and he will then graduate in December 2024 (walking the stage in May 2025)! Babatunde wants to take the time to thank the Church and update his support team on where he has been and what he has in store next! Please mark your calendar to attend one of his information sessions: Sunday, **June 16** at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall OR Thursday, **June 20** at 8:00 am for UM Men's Breakfast.

**FAREWELL TO PASTOR MIKE**—Pastor Mike's last Sunday with us will be on **June 30**. We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am that day and a "Farewell Reception" in the Commons after the service so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak with Pastor Mike and Rhonda and thank them for the six years of ministry that they have shared with us. As a gift from our church, we would like to present the Gehrigs with a love offering, so we will be accepting donations in the church office through June 30.

**JOB OPENING:** We would like to hire a Church Organist/Pianist. The complete job description for this position can be found under "NEWS" at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details.

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. May's item is spices; 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).

**UPCOMING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:** Register at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe

- Kids in Action Summer Service Camp—This year KIA will be **July 29 to July 31** from 9 am - 3 pm. Our kids have a service project in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon! There are only 20 spots available so sign up soon! Registration is open to rising 2nd graders - rising 6th graders and the cost is \$80 per child.
- Vacation Bible School—This year's theme is "SCUBA—Diving into Friendship with God". VBS will be **July 22-25** from 6pm to 8:15pm for ages 3 years to 5th grade and there is no cost.

# Lyrics

## JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

## HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim, God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.