


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:55 am
Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Kimberly Thompson

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness)
Susan Foster, organist

J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Victoria Smathers

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship. Help us recognize and celebrate your presence. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may answer the call to be your disciples and bring your message of love to the world. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Great and glorious God, we are tired of thinking small. When we look for you in all the wrong places, remind us that your Spirit resides within. When we shy away in shame and regret, help us sense the fullness of your grace. Lift our eyes to your glorious presence in our midst, that we may reflect your glory and grace for all to see. *All pray in silence.*

In Christ's love, we are loved. In Christ's glory, we are glorified. In Christ's grace, we are saved. **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

Mike Gehring

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

Psalm 1

Wayne Purdy

Pew Bible, OT page 489

Anthem

One Song

Chopin

*When God's people are wounded by holy war, and brother fights brother in the name of the Lord. I find myself praying that It won't be too long 'til we all join together in one song. When God's family is broken, each goes his own way. And I feel so Lost, I don't know what to pray. But still I'll go forward to follow the call to join people together in one song. **One song, like the one sung in heaven. One song, united in love. There will be no division. Everyone will belong as we stand before God singing one song. So come and build bridges and tear down the wall. Let our love for each other be a witness to all. They will see us united, and we'll sing it out strong as we praise our Great Savior in one song...***

Chancel Choir; Susan Foster, guest pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon

"Delighting in the Law"

Phil Kuntz

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn TFWS No. 2221

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN' FEST BURG

Offering Invitation

Wayne Purdy

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON/arr. Dobrinski

Main Street UMC Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, 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

Wayne Purdy

* Hymn No. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7

AZMON

* Benediction

Phil Kuntz

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

James Biery

* please stand as you are able

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!

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
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Theo Dunlap, Custodian
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Announcements

CEMETERY UPDATE: The Cemetery Committee is excited to announce that we will start construction on the new columbarium this summer. Since the construction of the original columbarium, prices have dramatically increased. To help maintain the cash levels in the endowment, we are increasing the price of a double niche to \$2,000 from \$1,000 and the price of a single grave plot from \$500 to \$1,000. The new prices go into effect on **June 1**. All sales prior to June 1 will be at the current prices. Contact Tina Crew (336-993-3411) if you would like to purchase a plot or niche.

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. . *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **May 15** is Spaghetti Carbonara (*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.*

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **May 16** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST! Wear RED to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in fire to the disciples of Christ!

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 (*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 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.

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 by Friday, June 7 and invite a friend to dinner.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Main Street UMC is blessed to have three scholarship opportunities for our students. Complete details are found on the church website at www.mainstreetumc.org, click on "Ministries" on the red stripe, then go to Youth and see the scholarship details and application forms. The deadline for the Linville Scholarship (for high school Seniors) is May 26, 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. Contact Wayne Purdy in the church office if you have any questions (336-993-3411).

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

Lyrics

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

IN UNITY WE LIFT OUR SONG

1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration! For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.
2. For stories told and told again to every generation, to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation. Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive, when we are far from home and evil seasons come; how firm is our foundation.
3. For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure. And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind, we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver. Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver. Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away, when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing forever.

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.