


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

10:55 am
Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Prelude on NICEA
Susan Foster, organist

Robert Buckley Farlee

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship *(from Psalm 29)*

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Who is like our God in glory and strength? **The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.**
Who is like the Lord in power and might? **The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.**
Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder? **The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.**
God sits enthroned as King forever. **Worship God in holy splendor.** Come! Let us worship the Lord.

* Processional Hymn No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

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God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day. We give you our thanks and praise. Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. Too often, we treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. Too often, we forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith. Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all of your children. In the name of Christ, we pray. *All pray in silence.*
Brothers and Sisters, Christ, the great Healer, brings healing and wholeness to our lives. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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.

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* Sung Response No. 61

Come Thou Almighty King, v. 3

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power!

* Sharing the Peace

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Joys/Concerns/Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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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 1 John 4: 7-21 Emily Dreshfield
Pew Bible, NT page 240

Anthem *Seek Ye First* Lafferty/arr. Wagner
Chancel Choir; Susan Foster, guest pianist; Wes O'Brien, guest director

Sermon "God Who Is Love" Al Ward

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 437 *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

Offering Invitation Al Ward
Offertory *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* James Biery
*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 Victoria Smathers

* Hymn No. 431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth (twice)* WORLD PEACE

* Benediction Al Ward

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Postlude on Llanfair* Robert Powell

* 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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Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

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Willie Craven, Custodian
Theo Dunlap, Custodian
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Announcements

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred Morris and Georgia Newman Morris.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Banks Duncan Cole, new grandson of Chip & Billie Cole. Parents are John & Sidney Cole with big brother Brooks.

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: Main Street UMC is blessed to have three scholarship opportunities for our students. Complete details are found 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 **TODAY**, 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**.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **May 27** for Memorial Day.

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—We are collecting cards for the High School Graduates to be given to them during the 10:55am service on June 2; the collection box is 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.

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 in the existing columbarium 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**; the price for a double niche in the NEW columbarium will be \$2,000. All sales for the existing columbarium and for grave plots 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.

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

OUR NEXT HERITAGE CLUB OUTING will be 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.

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.

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).

Lyrics

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, through the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

THIS IS MY SONG

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. [With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.] Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.