



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558
Jeanell Brown, interim organist

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (unison)

Victoria Smathers

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions. God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. *All pray in silence.*
May those who desire to please Christ, find the desires of their hearts. **In Christ, we are a new creation.**
Everything old has passed away. **Everything has become new!** Glory to God! **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.

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* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Wayne Purdy

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 Mark 4: 26-34 Kelly Thompson
Pew Bible, NT page 38

Anthem *You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul* Lovland and Graham/FINLANDIA/arr. Fettke
Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "One Point at a Time" Phil Kuntz

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn TFWS No. 2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom, vv. 1-3* BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy
Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton, Setting by Paul Manz, op. 21

*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. 540 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

* Benediction Phil Kuntz

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Fanfare Postlude* Douglas E Wagner

* 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
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

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Willie Craven, Custodian
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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 Ancha Pack, Lisa Dodds' mother.

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: **TODAY** at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall OR Thursday, **June 20** at 8:00 am for UM Men's Breakfast.

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**.

TAKE A HIKE on Tuesday **June 18**. We'll meet in church parking lot at 9. We'll carpool to Reynolda Gardens for a 3 mile walk, fairly flat paved and mulched trails. We'll stop at Dough-Joe's for a donut after. Back to church by about 12.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **June 19** in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE is scheduled for **June 20-23**, at Lake Junaluska. Our pastors will be attending, in addition to our Lay Delegates Carol Purdy, Melissa Dreshfield, and Chris Thompson. Kimberly Thompson is also attending as a District Delegate. Please pray for all of the delegates as they conduct the business of the Annual Conference.

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **June 20** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR MIKE—Pastor Mike's last Sunday with us before his retirement will be on **June 30**. We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am with lots of great music from the Combined Choirs, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir with the NOW Band, and the Jubilee Praise Band! After the service, we will have a "Farewell Reception" in the Commons 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 Gehrings with a love offering, so we will be accepting donations in the church office through June 30.

GOLF BALL FUNDRAISER: For nearly two decades the Groce/Kirkman Sunday School Class has provided over \$20,000 of scholarships to Main Street Youth. Unfortunately, as age has taken its toll on our class, this is likely the last year the scholarships will be available. In order to build the fund to a reasonable level, Darrell Davis will have golf balls for purchase on Sunday between services. Curt Brown has provided the balls and Darrell has cleaned each one by hand (over twenty gallons). We are asking for a minimum donation of \$6.00 per dozen, however additional donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. There is an excellent variety and most in very good condition. Even if you aren't a golfer, this would be a great gift to a friend and it will help fund our final year of these worthwhile scholarships. Checks can be made to the Groce/Kirkman Scholarship Fund.

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 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. June's item is condiments; 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).

WEARING NAMETAGS is an act of hospitality—let's focus on wearing our nametags to worship services throughout this summer as a way for our new pastor and other new MSUMC members to feel "at home". Contact the church office if you need a new nametag!

UPCOMING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS: Register at www.mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe

- 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.
- 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.

Lyrics

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

1. You are salt for the earth, O people; Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God! Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kingdom of God! Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend, to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.