



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Festivity on 'Holy Manna'
Jeanell Brown, interim organist

Setting by Douglas Wagner

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (unison)

Victoria Smathers

Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace. May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming. May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond. May our hearts find the tranquility we desire. May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* 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. ** universal*

* Sharing the Peace

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Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Al Ward

The Lord's Prayer

Al Ward

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: 35-41 Linda Wakefield
Pew Bible, NT page 39

Anthem *Worship As One* Choplin
*Worship as one, we are one in the Spirit. Worship as one, we are one in the Lord.
Take what divides us, come and unite us 'til Your will is done. Let us come to worship as one.*
Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "Why Are You Afraid?" Bob Langlais

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 512 *Stand By Me* STAND BY ME

Offering Invitation Al Ward
Offertory *Near the Cross* Arranged by Joel Raney
*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

* Hymn No. 368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK

* Benediction Bob Langlais

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Foundation* Callahan

* 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

Tina Crew, Business Manager
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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Willie Craven, Custodian
Theo Dunlap, Custodian
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Announcements

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for July/August have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the “Member Pick-up Station” inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**.

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.

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*).

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.

THANK YOU for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

SCRIPTURE READERS are needed for our Sunday Worship services. If you would like to be scheduled to read the scripture for worship during your preferred service, please reach out to Kathryn in the church office.

WEEKDAY VISITORS to the church should use the Tower Door entrance in the new Connections building; the Narthex door will be locked during the week (except for weekday Worship services).

PUBLICATION DEADLINES: *Main Street Connections Email* requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; Bulletin Announcements are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.

Lyrics

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, yet saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

STAND BY ME

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me) when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me) When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)

2. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me) When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail, thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)

3. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me) When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)

4. In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me) When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way, thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)

5. When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me) when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me) When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)

MY HOPE IS BUILT

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.