


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am
Worship Service

Welcome		Al Ward
Prelude	<i>Festivity on 'Holy Manna'</i> Jeanell Brown, interim organist	Setting by Douglas Wagner
* Opening Prayer (unison)		Al Ward
	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.	
* Hymn No. 529	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	FOUNDATION
Scripture	Mark 4: 35-41 Pew Bible, NT page 39	Alan Martin
Anthem	<i>Worship As One</i> <i>Worship as one, we are one in the Spirit. Worship as one, we are one in the Lord.</i> <i>Take what divides us, come and unite us 'til Your will is done. Let us come to worship as one.</i> Chorale; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Choplin
Sermon	"Why Are You Afraid?"	Bob Langlais
* Hymn No. 512	<i>Stand By Me</i>	STAND BY ME
* Affirmation of Faith No. 881	The Apostles' Creed	Al Ward
	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.	
		<i>*universal</i>
* Sharing the Peace		Al Ward
Church Family News		Al Ward
Joys & Concerns		Al Ward
Pastoral Prayer and 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.	

Offering Invitation		Al Ward
Offertory	<i>Near the Cross</i>	Arranged by Joel Raney
*Doxology No. 95	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100TH
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below: Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Al Ward
* Hymn No. 368	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	THE SOLID ROCK
* Benediction		Al Ward
* Benediction Response	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1</i>	DENNIS
	Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.	
Postlude	<i>Foundation</i>	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!

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

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

Theo Dunlap, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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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.