


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 30, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

Combined Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket alle Gott)

Jeanell Brown, interim organist and Rich Blakemore, trumpet

Setting by David N Johnson

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (unison)

Victoria Smathers

Holy Spirit, heavenly God, shine upon us with the wisdom of ancient words. Enlighten our minds, that we may perceive your presence. Strengthen our resolve, that we may press toward growth in love and faith. Help us grow closer to your likeness each and every day. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Al Ward

Holy God, like Paul before us, we have ignored Wisdom's cries. We have blinded ourselves to your truth and trusted our blurred vision. We have put our faith in our own righteousness, rather than in the righteousness of your Son. We have persecuted others out of ignorance and willful misunderstanding. Help us forsake our pride, that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

All pray in silence.

The one who created us, seeks us still, beckoning us into union with Christ. Seek God and receive acceptance in Christ's name. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

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.

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* 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

Al Ward

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.

Kids' Time	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	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 <i>Kids Connect-Worship</i> . Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.	
Scripture	Philippians 3: 4b-14 Pew Bible, NT page 198	Phil Kuntz
Special Music	<i>Pressing On</i> Jubilee Praise Band	Dylan
SPRC Presentation		Ray Thomas
Anthem	<i>Roll Down, Justice</i> Main Street Combined Choirs; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Miller
Sermon	"Losses and Gains"	Mike Gehring
* Hymn No. 581	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	BEACH SPRING
Offering Invitation		Phil Kuntz
Offertory	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> NOW Praise Band with Alpha & Omega Youth Choir	arr. Belvin and Bolin
*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
An Order of Farewell to a Pastor		Mike Gehring
	I thank you, the members and friends of Main Street United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.	
	We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere in your retirement. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.	
	I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Lanny Lancaster.	
	Let us pray: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting; we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
* Hymn No. 577	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	CWM RHONDDA
* Benediction		Mike Gehring
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude	<i>Highland Cathedral</i>	Thomas R. Vozzella

* 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
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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Mike & Rhonda Gehring by Rev. Robin C. Wilson.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **July 4**. We will reopen at 8:30am on July 5.

NOW SERVICE: we will not have our Night of Worship (NOW) service on **July 4**. Plan to join us on July 18 at 6:30pm!

THE HERITAGE CLUB will gather on **July 19** for Burgers & BINGO Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 for hamburgers & hotdogs. Cost will be \$5.00 to cover the food. Please bring a dessert to share. Reservations are required by July 14.

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.

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.

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. July's item is canned pastas (ravioli, etc); 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!

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.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH! Pick up a pre-stamped MSUMC postcard in the Narthex, Chapel, and at the Welcome Desk in the Commons so you can mail it to a friend and invite them to church.

FRESH COFFEE is available on Sunday mornings in the small kitchen in the Commons—stop by for a cup and spend a few minutes chatting with friends! Coffee is ready before the 8:30 service begins.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a "button" on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!

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

Lyrics

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

1. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.
2. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
4. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, (of these days) for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, (we adore) serving thee whom we adore.