



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Patty Rapp

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Variations sur 'Amazing Grace'
Jeanell Brown, organist

Setting by Denis Bédard

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (unison)

Victoria Smathers

God of Life, we gather this day with the victory bells of Easter still ringing in our ears. We come joyfully this day to celebrate your power and glory, your wisdom and might. May we remain faithful to your call to follow Jesus, secure in your promise: that life will triumph over death, that hope will triumph over despair, and that love will triumph over fear. We lift our grateful hearts to you. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 98

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* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Resurrected One, you have proven that nothing can defeat the power of your love, and yet we continue to nurture our doubts. Time and again, you demonstrate your ability to transform despair in our human story into miraculous hope in your divine narrative, and yet we make ourselves at home in the pit of desolation. Over and over, you patiently plant your seeds of joy, and yet we continue to scoff at the puny seedlings that sprout, as if we've never before witnessed the tenacity of your regenerative Spirit. God, call us again to follow you. Show us again the miracle of your abundance. Lead us again from the depths of our fear into the Easter light of your never failing love.

All pray in silence.

Hear this song of praise that God's people have been singing for thousands of years: "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit." God heals all wounds, rescues all sinners, and forgives all debts. Join the song of praise!

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

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.

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 John 21: 15-19 Ray Thomas
Pew Bible, NT page 116

Anthem *Goin' Home Up Yonder* Hawkins/arr. McDonald
Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, guest pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "Can You Pass the Test?" Mike Gehring

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn TFWS No. 2130 *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy
Offertory *"Kum ba Yah" (American Folk Song) "Lord, Come By Here"* Setting by A. Giamanco

*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 TFWS No. 2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

* Benediction Mike Gehring

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Toccata in C* J. Pachelbel

* 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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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

THE WHITE ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Laura Doby Frazier, Mark Frazier's mother; Charles Kinlaw, Mark Kinlaw's father; and Gary Pegg, Bill & Patsy Pegg's son.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Riley Joseph Leal, great-grandson of Celia Leal. Parents are Eric & Katie Leal.

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**.

UPCOMING HERITAGE CLUB OUTINGS:

- 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.
- High Point University Arboretum & Botanical Garden Tour at 11:00 on **June 20** and will leave the church at 10:15. There is no cost for the tour. The tour of the gardens is almost entirely outdoors, and typically takes 1.5 hours. We will be walking or standing for the full time, though there are places to rest if needed. It is recommended to bring sun protection, comfy shoes, and a water bottle. Following the tour, we will eat lunch at the Bistro 1605 in High Point. 2:00. Group size is limited to 20-25 people, so reservations are required by June 14.

A 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY called *A Bead and a Prayer*, led by Miriam Ward, will be offered on Monday mornings (**June 17, 24, July 1, 8**) at 10:30am in Room 320. *A Bead and a Prayer* is a beginner's guide to Protestant prayer beads. We will make our own set of prayer beads and use them as a prayer tool to assist us when we pray. Each participant will need a book and bead supplies. Register with Kathryn in the church office at 336-993-3411 and pay \$11 (*exact change or check please*) for the book. Purchase your own bead supplies before the first class; Kathryn will give you a supply list. Contact Miriam Ward at 336-955-7015 if you have any questions.

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.

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

- 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.
- 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.

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*).

Lyrics

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

THE SUMMONS

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me . . .
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow . . .