



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News		Wayne Purdy
Voice of Diakonia (<i>Voice of Servanthood</i>)		Bob Langlais
Prelude	<i>Voluntary on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"</i> Jeanell Brown, interim organist	Phil Lehenbauer
Chiming of the Trinity		
* Call to Worship		Wayne Purdy
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. The risen Christ is with us. Praise the Lord!		
* Processional Hymn No. 332	<i>Spirit of Faith, Come Down</i>	BEALOTH
* Sharing the Peace		Wayne Purdy
Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer		Phil Kuntz
Kids' Time	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i> 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.	
Psalter Reading UMH page 785	Psalm 51: 1-12	
Anthem	<i>Communion Meditation</i> Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Althouse
Scripture	John 6: 24-35 Pew Bible, NT page 98	Lanny Lancaster
Homily	"The First Work is to Believe"	Lanny Lancaster
* Hymn No. 714	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	EL NATHAN
* Offering Invitation		Phil Kuntz
Offertory	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	Marianne Kim
*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
Invitation		Phil Kuntz

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Wayne Purdy

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lanny Lancaster and Phil Kuntz

(Phil) The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

(Lanny) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.

Sharing the Meal

Music for Meditation, Jeanell Brown

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail. Pre-packaged Communion elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.

Prayer after Communion

Wayne Purdy

* Hymn No. 617

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* Benediction

Lanny Lancaster

* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: David McAdoo and Susan Furmage

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

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor

Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries

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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the births of: Alana Rose Hahn, great-granddaughter of Bettie Moody; and Mila Elnora Mitchell, great-granddaughter of Margie Hilton.

A BIG PICNIC AND MORE—TODAY, August 4! The Member Care Committee has reserved Shelter #1 at Triad Park from 4:00- 8:00 for *A Big Picnic*, which means lots of FOOD. The church will provide fried chicken, tea, water, plates, cups, cutlery and some serving utensils. All who are able, are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts, as well as any other desired main dishes. Please bring your food to Shelter #1 between 4:00 - 5:00, and Pastor Lanny will bless the food around 5:15. This is an opportunity to MEET Pastor Lanny and his wife Janet, and to socialize with Main Street friends and to MEET new people! The evening will reveal even *More!* Come and see who will get the Pie in the Face as the culmination of the food drive competition for Crisis Control. Let's all wear our name tags to this event; we will have stickers if you forget your church nametag.

KAIROS—It's that season again where Main Street UMC goes to prison!! Well, certain volunteers go, but we need the support of our church family in baking cookies for Kairos! Since COVID however, the rules for cookie baking have become VERY stringent. We would appreciate your participation in helping us bake the cookies, as we need **80 dozen**, so please read the updated directions in the July newsletter and at mainstreetumc.org (on the red stripe, click Ministries>Ministries We Support>KAIROS Prison Ministry) if you want to help. Be sure to follow the guidelines or your cookies may not end up in prison. Thank you for your participation in contributing to Prison Ministry work. Please have all baked cookies (1 dozen per baggie) at the church office by Monday, **August 5**. A table is in the Narthex today to seek your help with signing a prayer chain that will be hung on the prison walls and an opportunity to purchase a meal ticket to help with the food costs.

THE NEXT HERITAGE CLUB OUTING will be Outlet Shopping in Mebane on **August 6** – The bus will be leaving the church at 9:00 for a day of shopping at the Tanger Outlet in Mebane and lunch at the Olive Garden. Cost will be \$5.00 to ride the bus. Pay for your meal at the restaurant. Contact Debbie Smith for more information.

TAKE A HIKE on Tuesday **August 6**. We will go to Triad Park which has several paved and dirt trails. Carpool from church parking lot at 9 AM.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (336-993-5413).

SPECIAL PANEL OF GUESTS FOR UMM DINNER: Our next United Methodist Men's Quarterly Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, **August 20** at 7:00pm. We will host a panel of Kernersville downtown business owners for a special discussion about their businesses. Get to know some of our local entrepreneurs and what they bring to our town. Come to hear David Fitzpatrick from Fitz on Main, Trey Prescott from The Prescott Restaurant, and others. **All church members are invited.** Make your reservations at mainstreetumc.org (under 'Sign-Ups') by Friday August 16 — Invite a friend!

HONEYBEE FESTIVAL: Our church will have a booth at this year's Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **August 17** from 10am until 5pm at 4th of July Park. This is a chance for you to represent our church and engage the Kernersville community. The goal is to make more disciples. We are looking for church members to take shifts at the booth on August 17 and to setup on August 16. Sign up to help at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" on the red stripe.

YOU'RE BUSY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!! Please mark that morning on your calendar for our churchwide day of service, *Hands Together*. There are appropriate projects for everyone and we look forward to seeing you there! You'll hear much more on August 25, the first day of signups.

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).

CRISIS CONTROL Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. August's item is toilet paper; 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).

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.

Lyrics

SPIRIT OF FAITH, COME DOWN

1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God, and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see, who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word. Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood, and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all-atoning Lamb! Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name; the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart, and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive, the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe), the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known, nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart, nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin, revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.

I COME WITH JOY

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us that makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.