



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 14, 2024

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30 am

*Combined Worship Service*

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Chris Thompson

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Morning Has Broken*  
Jeanell Brown, piano; Rich Blakemore, trumpet

BUNESSAN/arr. Adams

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

\* Hymn No. 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

An Order for the Celebration of an Appointment

*SPRC Chair:* Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Lanny Lancaster, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Rev. Ken Carter.

Lanny, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

*Pastor:* Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

*Church Council Chair:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Lanny in these ministries?

*Congregation:* **We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.**

*Church Council Chair:* How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

*Congregation:* **who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

*Church Council Chair:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you still call us to go into your service and spread the message of the salvation of your Son. Bless richly, we pray, your servant Lanny entrance into our fellowship. Fill him with the power of your Holy Spirit and let him find with us an open door for the Word. We also pray for your Church on earth. Equip us all with a spirit of willingness, that we with courage can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiating and make alive that hope which Christ gives. All this we dare to pray of you; for you are to us the Father of mercy and the God of all grace; you are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; you are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of Life. Blessed be you. **Amen.**

*Disciple Ministries Rep:* Lanny, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

*Director of Children's Ministries:* Lanny, take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place. **Amen.**

*Stephen Ministries Rep:* Lanny, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

*Director of Music Ministries:* Lanny, use this hymnal and book of worship to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

*Associate Pastor:* Lanny, receive this *Book of Discipline*, and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

*Outreach Rep:* Lanny, receive this globe, and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. **Amen.**

*SPRC Chair:* Lanny, receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor. **Amen.**

*Pastor:* This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself. Let us pray.

*Congregation:*

**Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SPRC Chair:* Today, we also affirm the reappointment of our other clergy, Phil Kuntz and Wayne Purdy, to serve as part of our pastoral team.

*SPRC Chair:* Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Lanny, Phil, and Wayne as our pastors. Give them and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon Phil Kuntz

**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.**

\* Congregational Song (words on screen) *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual  
Jubilee Praise Band

\* Sharing the Peace Clay Howard

Joys & Concerns & Pastoral Prayer Phil Kuntz

## 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.

## Anthem

*We Have One Faith*

Martin

Main Street Combined Choirs; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director  
*Lord, for many generations we have gathered in this place. Young and old, meek and bold, united in our praise. Now again this congregation lifts high its praise above as we join our hearts together to celebrate your love. (Refrain) **We have one faith. We have one hope. We have one Spirit. We trust in God alone. Upon this solid rock we stand forevermore. We have one faith. We have one Lord.***  
*Lord, we offer out thanksgiving now for all that You have done. Yet in our lives we realize our work has just begun. Lord, we give to You our future. Come lead us with Your light. Help us, Lord, to work together to share the word of life. (Refrain) **We have one faith....Christ is the sure foundation. Christ is the cornerstone. Now let this congregation lift up its voice and sing. Rejoice and praise the King of kings!...(Refrain) **We have one faith. We have one hope. We have one Spirit. We trust in God alone. Upon this solid rock we stand forevermore. We have one faith. We have one Lord.*****

## Sermon

"I've Come to Walk With You"

Lanny Lancaster

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* Hymn (words on screen)

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Belvin and Bolin

NOW Praise Band with Alpha &amp; Omega Youth Choir

## Offering Invitation

Offertory (words on screen)

*So Will I (100 Billion X)*

Wayne Purdy

NOW Praise Band

Hillsong UNITED

\*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

## 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

Al Ward

\* Hymn No. 545

*The Church's One Foundation, vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5*

AURELIA

\* Benediction

Lanny Lancaster

\* Benediction Response

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH/Setting by Post

\* please stand as you are able

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## ***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)*

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### **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](http://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.

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## **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**

Lanny Lancaster, 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

## **Main Street United Methodist Church**

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# Announcements

**FOOD DRIVE:** New Horizons Sunday School class has organized a food drive competition called “Be Doers of the Word” to run from **July 14 to July 28**. Victoria Smathers, Wayne Purdy and our newest minister Rev. Lanny Lancaster have all enthusiastically agreed to compete against one another to collect food for Crisis Control Ministries. A bin with each willing contestant’s face will be in the tower entrance. Place your food items in the bins and the bin with the most items will be the “Winner.” The winner will receive a “whipped cream” pie in the face at our annual churchwide picnic on August 4 at Triad Park. *Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **July 18** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**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.

**COOKIES FOR 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](http://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 Sunday, **July 21**.

**UPCOMING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:** Register at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://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.

**CHURCH MICE NEEDED!** The Church Mouse program was started over 15 years ago and is a “secret pal” program designed to keep our MSUMC college students connected to their church family. A Church Mouse is assigned a specific college student and provided with a list of their interests and favorites. Throughout the school year, the Church Mouse is encouraged to send a combination of notes, inexpensive treats, care packages, or gift cards. The identity of the Church Mouse is kept a secret throughout the year and is then revealed at the end of the school year in late April/early May. If you are interested in being a Church Mouse, please contact Kathryn in the church office (*336-993-3411 or [kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)*) by **August 1**. For questions, please contact Christie Hunter or Tara Stamper.

**A BIG PICNIC AND MORE!** Mark Sunday, **August 4** on your calendars for *A Big Picnic and More!* 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. Please help us plan by registering your plans to attend by **July 31** at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under “signups” on the red stripe.

**GOLF BALL FUNDRAISER:** For nearly two decades the Groce/Kirkman Sunday School Class has provided over \$20,000 of scholarships to Main Street Youth. In order to build the fund up, 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 Checks can be made to the Groce/Kirkman Scholarship Fund.

**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](http://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.

# Lyrics

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can made the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. [May be omitted]. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

## GIVE ME JESUS

In the Morning, when I rise, In the Morning, when I rise, In the morning, when I rise, Give me Jesus

[Chorus] Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus

When I am alone, When I am alone, oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus

[Chorus]

When I come to die, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus

[Chorus]

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.