



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

VBS Announcement (*on screen*)

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude *Introduction, Chorale and Andante from "Partita on Hyfrydol"* HYFRYDOL/arr. Callahan  
Jeanell Brown, interim organist

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!**

\* Processional Hymn No. 698 *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

\* 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.**

\* Sharing the Peace Phil Kuntz

Joys & Concerns and 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.

Scripture *1 Kings 3: 22-28* Victoria Smathers  
Pew Bible, OT page 306

Anthem of the People UMH No. 696 *America the Beautiful* MATERNA  
Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director  
*You are invited to come up and sing with the choir on the Anthem of the People!*

Sermon

“Wisdom”

Phil Kuntz

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn No. 140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

\* Offering Invitation  
Offertory

*Adagio on Materna*

Victoria Smathers  
MATERNA/ Setting by James Konkel

\*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

Phil Kuntz

\* Hymn No. 103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\* Benediction

Phil Kuntz

\* 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

*Postlude on ‘God of Our Fathers’* NATIONAL HYMN/Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

\* 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!**

**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

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

**TODAY**—Members of the congregation are invited to come and sing the anthem with the choir.

**THE RED ROSEBUDS** on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Eddie & Kathy Conrad's twin grandsons, Jacob Todd and Joseph Daniel. Parents are Shawn Jargowsky and Brian Winfrey.

**JOIN US FOR ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:30 am on **July 14** to celebrate the first Sunday with our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Lanny Lancaster. We will have a reception in the Commons after the service so that everyone can greet Pastor Lanny and his wife, Janet.

**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*

**CLEAR GLASS BUD VASES NEEDED:** If you have any of the single-stem sized clear glass bud vases, we would welcome your donations since we use them on the altar when we have a red or white rosebud.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://mainstreetumc.org) or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details.

**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!

**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 pasta (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).

# Lyrics

## GOD OF THE AGES

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.