


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

JC Grose Scholarship Presentation

Wade Hampton

Prelude

Voluntary on Beach Spring

Jeanell Brown, interim organist

Wilbur Held

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

May those who are grieving find comfort.

May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

May those who are waiting find hope.

May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

Let us worship the One who gives us life!

* Processional Hymn No. 578

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

* 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.

Children's Back to School Blessing

Victoria Smathers and Lanny Lancaster

Jesus Loves the Little Children

**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.

Psalter Reading UMH page 848

Psalm 130

Emily Dreshfield

Anthem

For Where Love Is There Is God
Chancel Choir, Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

arr. Althouse

Scripture

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
Pew Bible, NT page 194

Lanny Lancaster

Sermon

“Walking in Kindness”

Lanny Lancaster

* Hymn No. 566

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

EVAN

Offering Invitation

Offertory

From Partita on “Simple Gifts”

Phil Kuntz

Noël Goemanne

*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 No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

* Benediction

Lanny Lancaster

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Neander-Unser Herrscher

Flor Peeters, Op 100

* 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

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

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Announcements

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A DEVOTION with a small group of fellow church members? We are looking for volunteers to speak at our weekly *Oasis* service. The *Oasis* service meets in the Sanctuary each Wednesday night from September to May at 5:30pm. The *Oasis* devotional message should be approximately 5 minutes long, can include scripture, should be encouraging and uplifting in nature, can be a personal testimony or a sharing of a meaningful experience or can be an exposition on a biblical principle. If you would like to be added to our rotating list of speakers, please contact Kathryn in the church office (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org).

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **August 15** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

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.

LIFE IN CHRIST: A BIBLE STUDY In the midst of a world that competes for our loyalties, Christ invites us to a life in Him. This Fall, Pastor Lanny will be doing a preaching and teaching series on our Life in Christ. Come learn with us as we move forward in Christ together! Choose Wednesdays at 11:00am in Room 320 *OR* Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room 320 from **September 4 to November 20**. Please register online at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. There is no cost; please bring your Bible to class with you.

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.

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

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.

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*).

ALL MEN are invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00am for breakfast and Pastoral Devotion in the Fellowship Hall. Come have breakfast and a great time of fellowship. Suggested donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

Lyrics

GOD OF LOVE AND GOD OF POWER

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

BLEST BE THE DEAR UNITING LOVE

1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside, nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
5. Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart, nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.

I AM THINE, O LORD

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.