



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Phil Kuntz

Palmer Scholarship Presentation

Rick Palmer

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning!
Jeanell Brown, interim organist

Robert Lau

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Phil Kuntz

Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,
God's wisdom calls us here.
Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,
Christ's love shows us the way.
Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,
the Spirit's presence gathers us together.

* Processional Hymn No. 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Phil Kuntz

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

Phil Kuntz

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Lanny Lancaster

The Lord's Prayer

Lanny Lancaster

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* Melissa Dreshfield
**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 832 Psalm 111 Ann Ballard

Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Drennan
Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Scripture Micah 6: 6-8 Wayne Purdy
Pew Bible, OT page 866

Sermon "Requirements" Wayne Purdy

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn TFWS No. 2172 *We Are Called* WE ARE CALLED

Offering Invitation Phil Kuntz
Offertory *Deep River/A Balm in Gilead* Bill Wolaver
*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. 428 *For the Healing of the Nations* CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction Wayne Purdy

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Ain't-a That Good News!* Marianne Kim

* 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

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of John Lennon.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 22** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (*call the church for phone number*). Tropical Storm Debby messed up our original plans, so this is the new date!

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for September/October have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the “Member Pick-up Station” inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

BINS: There is now a *Hope Center* collection bin just inside the Main Entrance next to the *Crisis Control* bin. To learn more about the Hope Center, what they do and what to bring for their bin, see the August newsletter or our church website.

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).

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.

A 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY called *A Bead and a Prayer*, led by Miriam Ward, will be offered on Monday mornings (**Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30**) from 10:30am until 11:45 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 and pay \$11 (exact change or check please) for the book. Miriam will have a bead kit for each participant to purchase once the class size is set. Contact Miriam Ward at 336-955-7015 if you have any questions.

COMPASSION IN ACTION is a new caring ministry at MSUMC. This ministry will equip church members to care for each other in times of need. Whether a person is facing crisis, is homebound, or just needs to talk, Compassion in Action ministers will be available. Compassion in Action is an expansion of Stephen Ministry to include more volunteers and reach more people. For those needing more specialized care, Stephen Ministers and pastors are always available! There is no cost for the training, but participants will need to order their own copy of the training manual and bring it to the sessions. Manuals may be ordered from Amazon for \$10.99 each. Training dates are **Sept. 22-October 27**. For more details and to register, go to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

THE LETTERS OF PAUL – A 24-week Bible study of the shorter letters of Paul (Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Timothy, Thessalonians, Titus & Philemon) led by Pastor Mark Key will begin on **September 29** and meet weekly on Sunday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The last day of class will be April 6. There is no cost; participants should bring their own Bible. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click “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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a “button” on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!

Lyrics

CHRIST IS ALIVE

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

WE ARE CALLED

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!
2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, (hope increase) fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, (may find) earth its destiny may find.