



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

Prelude

"Inleiding en Koraal" from Fantasie over 'heilig, heilig, heilig'

Piet Post

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. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Phil Kuntz

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.

Psalter Reading UMH page 795

Psalm 72

Bonnie Macumber

Anthem

How Beautiful

Paris/arr. Larson

Chancel Choir; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Scripture

Mark 7: 1-23

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 42

Homily

"Rules, Rules, Rules . . ."

Lanny Lancaster

* Hymn TFWS No. 2152

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

* Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

"Schönster Herr Jesu", Op. 100

Flor Peeters

*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

Service of Holy Communion UMH page 12

Lanny Lancaster and Phil Kuntz

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 (unison)

Phil Kuntz

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Hymn No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

* Recognition of Interim Organist Jeanell Brown

Phil Kuntz

* Benediction

Lanny Lancaster

* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude "*Uitleiding en Koraal*" from *Fantasie over 'heilig, heilig, heilig'* Piet Post

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Bill & Emily Dreshfield

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

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 Elaine Frost.

THE SECOND WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Herman Edgar “Eddie” Crawford III by his mother, Martha Crawford, upon the anniversary of his death.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Kemp Newton Smith, new son of Jason & Austen Smith. Grandparents are Mike & Debbie Smith, great-grandmother is Judy Osborne.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 4** is Meatloaf (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (*10 & under*). *MSUMC staff serving*.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:30pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation. Our Oasis service is meant to be a time of refreshment & encouragement in the middle of a busy week.

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. 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.

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **September 5** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

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.

HANDS TOGETHER DAY—Please go online to choose between all the exciting projects and sign up (*mainstreetumc.org* and click “signups” on the red stripe). There’s something for everyone! The big day is coming soon: Saturday **September 14**.

A FREE FARMERS MARKET will be held for the Winston Salem community surrounding the Open Arms Community Center on *Hands Together Day*, Sat. Sept. 14 from 10:00am to noon. To create a free farmers market for those in need of fresh produce, we will need: Donations of fresh, local produce, harvested the second week of September. If you are a gardener or farmer wishing to share some of your harvest with those in need, please bring it to the Church on **Friday, Sept. 13** between 9:00am and noon to our temporary drop-off station for donated produce in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Volunteer(s) will be available during this time to assist with transferring donated produce from the gardeners’ vehicles to one of theirs. If you cannot drop off during this time frame, contact Jane Greeson at ellaJgreeson@gmail.com to make other arrangements. Everyone, please ask your friends and neighbors who garden and/or farm if they are willing to donate a portion of their harvest during the 2nd week of September to this community in need. If they are, then please offer your help in gathering and/or dropping off. And...Volunteers are needed. If you love a good Farmers Market and wish to help create a free version for this community, please sign up to help with this Hands Together project for the Open Arms Community by registering at mainstreetumc.org and click on “signups” on the red stripe.

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. This 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! Training dates are **Sept. 22-October 27**. The training is free, 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. For more details and to register, go to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

GRIEFSHARE: We are pleased to offer a *GriefShare* support group at Main Street that will begin on **September 26** and run through January 2. The group will meet on Thursdays at 10:00am. For more information and to register for the group (limited to 10 participants), go to griefshare.org/findagroup.

PRE-SALE FOR FROZEN CASSEROLES: United Women in Faith will take orders in the Commons every Sunday morning in September for frozen casseroles. Please plan to pickup your orders on October 20.

Lyrics

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, through the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

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.