



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45am
Jubilee! Worship Service

Psalm Reading

Psalm 72

Allison Weavil

Scripture

Mark 7: 1-23

Lanny Lancaster

Homily

“Rules, Rules, Rules . . .”

Lanny Lancaster

Today’s Jubilee Worship Leaders:

*We are happy you have joined us for our Jubilee! Worship Service today!
Please sign the Connection Pad so that we may have a record of your presence.*

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children’s Ministries
Rev. Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Today’s Communion Assistants: Jeff & Allison Weavil

Our Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
Our Vision: *Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

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)

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.

Sing

Every bit of history, and every single breath we
Breathe
Has led us here and brought us to our knees
From carrying the curse we bear, and praying that He's
Heard our prayers
To set us free, oh, set us free

'Cause we could never get back home with broken hearts
So home has come to meet us where we are

So sing that God is with us, sing
He has come to save us, sing
He will never leave us
Glory in the highest! Everybody sing
To the One who is our King
He has come to bring redemption to us
God is with us
Glory in the highest! Everybody sing

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

At The Cross

I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
Where the wrongs we have done
And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with Him
There on the cross

At the cross (at the cross)
He died for our sin
At the cross (at the cross)
He gave us life again

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures

We Have found our hope again
In the Son of God and Son of Man
This Savior King is changing all we know
By carrying the curse we bear, for everybody everywhere
He lived and died and brought us life
And we will rise to meet Him in the sky

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, our Emmanuel, God is With Us now
Jesus, Jesus, our Emmanuel, God is With Us now
Cause we could never get back home with broken hearts
so home has come to us

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
Where the wrongs we have done
And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with You
There on the cross

At the cross (at the cross)
You died for our sin
At the cross (at the cross)
You gave us life again

He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine