



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

VOICE OF DIAKONIA (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Craig Montgomery

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude on LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER
Jill Gardner, organist

Setting by Paul Manz

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** inspired by Psalm 19

Victoria Smathers

Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

May our minds perceive God's word, even as our hearts receive God's love.

May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 182

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 880 The Nicene Creed

Victoria Smathers

* **SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYER

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.

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.

PSALTER READING	UMH page 750	Psalm 19	Susan Lapping
ANTHEM		<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Derek Hakes
SCRIPTURE		John 1: 1-18 Pew Bible, NT page 91	Lanny Lancaster
SERMON		"Life in Christ"	Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN	No. 399	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	MESSIAH
OFFERING INVITATION			Phil Kuntz
OFFERTORY		<i>Offertory on ST. ELIZABETH</i>	Dale Wood
*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. 189	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	ST. ELIZABETH
* BENEDICTION			Lanny Lancaster
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY			
POSTLUDE		<i>March Pontificale</i>	Jacques Lemmens

* 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, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music Ministries

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Jill Gardner, Organist /Pianist

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 Mary Spangler.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 18** is Taco Bar (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, but if you need to get your meal “to-go”, then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for “to-go” meals. 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 for dining in-person or “to-go” must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (*10 & under*). *New Horizons Sunday School class 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.

BIBLE STUDY—Wayne Boger will lead “Jesus in the Gospels” Disciple Bible Study class on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 310 (downstairs Commons classroom). The class will begin on September 25 and run for 24 weeks. The cost of the class is \$ 50 which covers the two books that are needed. Registration deadline is **September 15**. To sign up please contact Wayne Boger directly at 336-399-5607 or ncpp153@gmail.com

MSUMC ORNAMENTS made of pewter with a lovely image of our church in the snow are available from Circle #5 members in the Commons for a suggested donation of \$25.

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **September 19** in the Chapel.

THE SHRED TRUCK IS COMING! Gather your papers for shredding and bring them to the church parking lot from 9am until noon on **September 21**. Suggested donation of \$5 per container.

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.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Take a look around the church's campus and you will see recycled water cooler jugs with Main Street UMC Preschool's logo tucked in corners, beside doors, or in the hallways. What are they for, you ask? Main Street UMC Preschool offers tuition assistance for families in need or facing an unexpected hardship. Our Scholarship Fund pays a portion of a child's tuition for a period of time, and we need your help to replenish our fund! Please donate your loose CHANGE to the jugs. We appreciate you supporting our children, and our preschool ministry! Cash, checks, and larger donations can be made any-time to the church office.

PRE-SALE FOR FROZEN CASSEROLES: United Women in Faith will take orders in the Commons every Sunday morning in September for frozen casseroles. There are 2 sizes and 4 flavors to choose from. Please plan to pickup your orders on October 20.

PUMPKIN PATCH: Hip Hip Hooray! Our PUMPKINS will be delivered on **October 5!** Join us at 9:00am in the parking lot to unload the pumpkins for the patch! Head over to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe to sign up for a shift in the patch and bring your friends and family too!

Lyrics

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

1. Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
2. Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation, saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness; deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness. Be our Word in pity spoken; heal the world, by our sin broken.
4. Word that speaks your Father's love, one with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

FAIREST LORD JESUS

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.