


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Mark Key

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style
Jill Gardner, organist

Gordon Young

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Place your trust in God. **God's faithfulness is unshakeable.**

May our worship this day strengthen our faith. **May our faithfulness be unshakeable.**

May our words and actions be good and true. **May we grow in godliness each and every day.**

* Processional Hymn No. 66

Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

* 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.

* universal

* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

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

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.**

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
Jill Gardner, Organist

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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THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 11** is Pulled Pork (*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). *Journey and Grose-Kirkman Sunday School classes 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.

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.

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, starting on **September 15**.

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. All monies collected from this Circle #2 fundraiser will go to assist local ministries.

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*.

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.

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.

Lyrics

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and quick to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.
4. Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

JESU, JESU

1. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
2. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
3. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.