



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

VOICE OF DIAKONIA (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Jule Connolly

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Jill Gardner, pianist

Lloyd Larson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created the world out of a formless void.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created people in the image of God.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King, vv. 1-5* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883

Victoria Smathers

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

Christ in me sees Christ in you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Kuntz

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.

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 752 Psalm 22: 1-15 Lauren Elmore

ANTHEM *Christ in Creation* David Schwoebel
Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1: 26-31 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, OT page 1

SERMON "Life in Christ: Christ in Creation" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

OFFERING INVITATION Lanny Lancaster
OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX/arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, director

***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. 144 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

* **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *This Is My Father's World* Lloyd Larson

* 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 RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Clint Walker Watts, new son of David & Georgia Watts, grandson of Stan & Karen Watts, great-grandson of George & Sylvia Watts.

THE WHITE ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: John Gribble's father; and Sheryl Manz's daughter and Rowan Clayton's mother, Nicole.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **October 16** is Shepherd's Pie (*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; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); 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). *Genesis/Crossroads/Becoming S.S. 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.

PUMPKIN 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! This year, our Preschool Director, Kellie Vinay, and Children's Ministry Director, Victoria Smathers, will be your go-to contacts for all things PUMPKINS! Shifts are available this year Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sunday, 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

A THRILL OF HOPE...the weary world rejoices! In a world weary of many things, we find our greatest hope in Jesus Christ! Come celebrate the birth of Jesus in song by singing with the adult choirs this Christmas as we present Joel Raney's "A Thrill of Hope." Rehearsing Mondays, at 7:00 pm OR Wednesdays, at 7:30 pm, choose the night and time that works best for your weekly schedule. We will have ONE SERVICE for Cantata Sunday — December 8 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

MSUMC ORNAMENTS made of pewter with a lovely image of our church in the snow are available from Circle #5 members in the Commons starting **October 13** for a suggested donation of \$25.

FROZEN CASSEROLE PICK-UP from the United Women of Faith will be on **October 20** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Please bring payment for your pre-ordered casseroles (cash or check).

TRUNK OR TREAT & HOT DOG FUNDRAISER: On Sunday, **October 20** from 4-6 pm Main Street's Children's Ministry will host "Trunk or Treat" and EVERYONE is invited! If you'd like to decorate a trunk, please email Victoria Smathers! If you'd like to support this event by donating nut-free candy and other small prizes, we would greatly appreciate your help! From 3 to 7pm, the Great Expectations Sunday School Class will host a hot dog fundraiser in support of our children's, youth, and preschool ministries. Enjoy a hot dog, chips, drink, and dessert! Any and ALL donations are welcome!

HERITAGE CLUB OUTING on **October 22** for Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and visiting the Cornerstone Christian Library in Blowing Rock. Bus will leave at 9:45am. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Lunch seating is at 11:30 and will cost \$28.63 (includes tax & tip) cash or check only, no debit or credit cards. You will pay for your meal at the restaurant. If you are driving, please arrive before 11:30am. Reservations are required, contact Debbie Smith.

HARVEST FEAST: The Member Care Committee is sponsoring a Harvest Feast on **November 3** in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a great time to come together as a church family and see friends who attend all of our different worship services! We will gather for fellowship at 5:00pm and will start the meal at 5:30pm. This will be a true covered-dish dinner so bring your most delicious entrees, sides, and desserts to share. Go to mainstreetumc.org and click on "signups" on the red stripe to let us know that you will be joining us for the Harvest Feast!

Lyrics

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain, O praise ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

1. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
2. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.
3. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
4. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!