

October 6, 2024

10:55 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE One Bread, One Body Ron Schmoltze

Jill Gardner, 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. 158 Come, Christians Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

* SHARING THE PEACE Victoria Smathers

Christ in me sees Christ in you.

PASTORAL PRAYER Lanny Lancaster

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM God's Masterpiece Ruth Elaine Schram

Carol Choir; Leslie Antieau, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

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 757 Psalm 25: 1-10 Jennifer Graves

ANTHEM One Communion David Lantz III

Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

SCRIPTURE Mark 10: 2-16 Phil Kuntz

Pew Bible, NT page 46

HOMILY "Human Bonds" Phil Kuntz

* HYMN No. 273 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands au clair de la lune

* OFFERING INVITATION Lanny Lancaster

OFFERTORY Let Us Break Bread Together 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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 12 Lanny Lancaster, Phil Kuntz, & Wayne Purdy

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.

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation, Jill Gardner

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)

Wayne Purdy

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. 634

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

* BENEDICTION Phil Kuntz

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Recessional

Mark L. Williams

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Cynthia Barron and Tina Crew

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 worshiping 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 Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess 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

Main Street United Methodist Church

Announcements

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on <u>October 9</u> is Chicken Marsala (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). Cornerstone 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.

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. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year for our Preschool and Children's Ministry. We can't wait to see you in the Patch!

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." Rehearsals beginning **Monday, October 7** at 7:00 pm OR **Wednes**-**day, October 9** at 7:30 pm. Rehearsals are flexible, choose the night and time that works best for your weekly schedule. Cantata Sunday is 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 <u>October 20</u> in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Please bring payment for your pre-ordered casseroles (cash or check).

TRUNK OR TREAT: Save the date! Sunday, <u>October 20</u> 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!

HERITAGE CLUB OUTING on <u>October 22</u> 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.

COLLECTION BOXES are in the new main entrance for: <u>BOOKSAPALOOZA</u>, donate new or used books; <u>HOPE CENTER</u>, donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; and <u>CRISIS CONTROL</u>, donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, October's item is International Foods.

THANK YOU for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

Lyrics

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

- 1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
- 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
- 3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS

- 1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
- 2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE

- 1. Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.
- 2. With minds alert, upheld by grace to spread the word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
- 3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
- 4. Then grant us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim way, and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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.**

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