



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 13, 2025
Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30am
Worship Service

WELCOME

Victoria Smathers

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Jill Gardner, organist

Mary McDonald

*** PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM** Luke 19: 28-40 Victoria Smathers
Hosanna to the Son of David! **Hosanna in the highest!**
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

*** HYMN** No. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

ANTHEM

Blessed Is He Who Comes
Carol Choir and Chorale; Handbell Ensemble; Nancy Blakemore, director; Jill Gardner, pianist
Leslie Antieau, Carol Choir Rehearsal Accompanist

Becki Slagle Mayo

PSALTER READING

Psalm 31: 1-16
Pew Bible, OT page 505

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beneath the Cross of Jesus E. Clephane/F. Maker/arr. Cythina Dobrinski
Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, Director

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 32-49
Pew Bible, NT page 89

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"The Crucified God"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 530

Are Ye Able

BEACON HILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 887 Affirmation from Romans 8: 35, 37-39 Phil Kuntz
Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword:
People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the loved of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Phil Kuntz

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Phil Kuntz

OFFERTORY *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Mary McDonald

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Bless Thou the Gifts* DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;

bless thou the work our hearts have planned.

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Phil Kuntz

*** HYMN** No. 292 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

*** BENEDICTION**

Phil Kuntz

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Take up Thy Cross* GERMANY

“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be;

Deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”

POSTLUDE *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Mary McDonald

* please stand as you are able

Main Street Handbell Choir

Lance Antieau	Mac Clement	Wes O'Brien
Leslie Antieau*	Melissa Dreshfield	Salem Smith-Shupp
Dave Black	Elaine Fotia	Kelly Thompson
Susan Boyd*	Amy Macumber*	Linda Wakefield*
	Carol Manz*	

*also rings in today's Handbell Ensemble

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)

5:00pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

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
La'Niah Johnson-Flemming, Custodian
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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Announcements

TAKE A HIKE GROUP: Our next hike is Tuesday, **April 15**. Next month's hikes are on May 6 & May 20. Meet in church parking lot at 9. Hikes are 2 to 3 miles long. Contact the church office if you would like your phone number added to the *Take a Hike* text group to receive hike location and type of trail to expect.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—We will NOT have our Oasis service and Wednesday Connect Dinner on **April 16**. We WILL have the following special services: *Maundy Thursday* worship service on **April 17** at 7:00pm with a message by Rev. Al Ward; *Good Friday* worship service on **April 18** at 7:00pm with a message by Rev. Lanny Lancaster; *Easter Sunrise Service* on **April 20** at 6:30am with a message by Rev. Wayne Purdy, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER WORSHIP on **April 20** at 8:30, 8:45, and 10:55—*Celebrate the Resurrection* at our Easter Worship Services with a message by Rev. Lanny Lancaster and Holy Communion. There will be joyous praise music at the 8:45am Jubilee service and triumphant music at the 8:30 and 10:55 services from the Combined Choirs with a brass quartet, organ, and timpani.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **April 21** for Easter Monday.

SHREDDING: Circle #2 is sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **April 26** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST on **May 1** at 7:00am at the Kernersville YMCA is sponsored by the Kernersville Christian Minister's Fellowship (Main Street UMC is a member) and is a free event open to the community. RSVP by April 25 to Adam Cardwell at 336-996-2231.

SPRING FOLLY PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER—Mark your calendars for Kernersville's Spring Folly and help us raise money for Crisis Control by collecting donations from those attending the festival who park in our main lot, garden lot, and Swisher's lot. This year, Main Street will need to fill volunteer spots from 10am to 12 and 12 to 2pm on Saturday, **May 3**. Sign up at www.mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Thank you for helping our community provide for those who are in need!

SPRING FOLLY WELCOMING EVENT—MSUMC will have an "Ask Me About My Church" tent in our parking lot during Spring Folly and we need friendly folks to sit under the tent and share information about MSUMC's worship services and ministries to interested members of the community who are parking in our parking lot. Shifts are 2 hours and run from 10am until 4pm on **May 3**. Signup at www.mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

SPRING BRUNCH: Everyone is invited to attend our *Spring Brunch* in the Fellowship Hall on **May 4** from 9:30am until 1:00pm. This is a fundraiser for the United Women in Faith and the suggested donation is \$6. Come out and enjoy breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries, and beverages while you socialize with other church members before or after you worship! Wouldn't it be fun for your small group or Sunday School class to plan to attend together?

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

COLLEGE GRADUATES: Church members who have recently graduated from college (*Associates, Bachelors, and post-graduate degrees*) are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned to Kathryn in the church office (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org) by **May 30** to be included in the June newsletter.

COLLECTION BOXES are in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: HOPE CENTER—donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; BOOKSAPALOOZA—donate new or used books; and CRISIS CONTROL—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, April's items are applesauce and canned fruit..

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