

Resurrection

SUNDAY



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Fanfares on EASTER HYMN

Jill Gardner, organist

Robert Lau

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Wayne Purdy

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 302 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

* SHARING THE PEACE

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Kuntz

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 839 Psalm 118: 14-29

Larkin Garrison

ANTHEM

The Tomb Is Empty

J. Paul Williams/Jon Paige

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia. He is risen from the grave. Alleluia, Alleluia. The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. Victory is complete. The Lord is risen, risen as He said. Now death has met defeat. Come sing a joyful hosanna. Come sing a glad amen. Come and sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the joy begin. The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. Let the glory resound. The Lord is risen, risen as He said. Behold the linen shroud. Come sing a joyful hosanna. Come sing a glad amen. Come and sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the joy begin. Easter people, lift your voice! Sing a glad alleluia! Sing an alleluia! Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, sing alleluia. Alleluia, sing alleluia. Christ is risen from the grave. Alleluia, amen!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 1-12

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 90

HOMILY

"Christ is Risen"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

* OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

Offertory

Sonata pian' e forte (Sacre Symphoniae - Venice, 1597)

Giovanni Gabrieli

Brass Quartet; Jill Gardner, organist

*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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 7

Lanny Lancaster, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy

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.

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. 303

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

(Members of the congregation are invited to come forward during the last hymn to sing with the Choir on the Hallelujah Chorus. Extra copies of the music are available in the choir loft.)

* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

The Congregation is invited to remain for the playing of the Postlude.

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Cynthia Barron and Tina Crew

Main Street Music is made possible in part by your generous donations to the Blackwell Music Fund.

Main Street UMC Chorale and Chancel Choir;
Jill Gardner, organist and pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director;
Rich Blakemore and Jenni Conrad, trumpeters; Paul Manz, hornist;
Zachary Zeller, trombonist; Ryan Friddle, timpanist and percussionist

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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SING WITH THE CHOIR ON THE "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" TODAY

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward during the singing of the last hymn to join with the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Extra copies of the music are available on either side of the choir loft.

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

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **April 23** is Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole (*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). *Genesis/Becoming SS classes serving.*

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm 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 and encouragement in the middle of a busy week.

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.

MSUMC CREATION CARE COMMITTEE & FRIENDS outing to Piedmont Environmental Alliance Earth Day event at the WS fairgrounds on Saturday, **April 26** from 10 to 4pm. Those interested in carpooling may gather in the church GARDEN parking lot (*to avoid shred event traffic*) at 10am. After enjoying the activities, we will gather near the gazebo at 11:30 to share impressions before heading home.

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).

GRADUATION CARDS: We will be collecting Graduation Cards from our church members for the High School Graduates that will be given to the Graduates during the 10:55am service on Sunday, May 18. The next time you are at the store, pick up cards for the High School Seniors listed below and place them in the collection box that will be located in the Narthex until Sunday, **May 11**. Our graduates are Brett Blevins, Hailey Coulston, Allee Davis, Claire Hutchens, Julia Malit, Miracle Olubunmi, Katie Riden, and Virginia Wyatt.

Lyrics

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
- [5]. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
- [6]. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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.**

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.