



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am  
Worship Service

## WELCOME

Victoria Smathers

## PRELUDE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Chi Chi Messick, guest organist

arr. Warner

## \* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

Victoria Smathers

## \* HYMN No. 96

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

AMSTERDAM

## GOSPEL READING

John 20: 24-29  
Pew Bible, NT page 115

Ken Crews

## ANTHEM

*Because He Lives*  
Chorale; Chi Chi Messick, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Jack Schrader

## SCRIPTURE

Psalms 150  
Pew Bible, OT page 583

Phil Kuntz

## SERMON

"Why Praise God?"

Phil Kuntz

## \* HYMN No. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 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

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

## VOICE OF DIAKONIA *(Voice of Servanthood)*

Patty Rapp

## BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

Patty Rapp

**May God's grace be upon this shawl . . . warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.  
May this mantle be a safe haven . . . a sacred place of security and well-being . . . sustaining**

and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one(s) who receive this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be! Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Victoria Smathers

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**

Victoria Smathers

**OFFERTORY**

*Pastorale*

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Zipoli  
OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Victoria Smathers

**\* HYMN** No. 370

*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

**SPRC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ray Thomas

**\* BENEDICTION**

Victoria Smathers

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Because He Lives* (refrain)

RESURRECTION

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

**POSTLUDE**

*In Green Pastures*

Wely

\* please stand as you are able

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## **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)

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### **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](http://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.

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## **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

### **Main Street United Methodist Church**

**306 S. Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284**

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# Announcements

**THE WHITE ROSEBUD** on the altar in the Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Munir Zabaneh, father of Amal Wood.

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **April 30** is Lasagna (*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](mailto: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*). We accept cash, check, or cards. *Great Expectations class 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.

**JOB OPENING:** Main Street United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7AM – 4PM. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office for further information.

**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](http://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](http://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?

**TAKE A HIKE GROUP:** Our next hike is Tuesday, **May 6**. 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)) by **May 30** to be included in the June newsletter.