



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PRELUDE

How Majestic Is Your Name
Jill Gardner, organist

Michael W. Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Phil Kuntz

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy of the Lord

arr. Angerman

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise to You. Though my heart may fail, my song will rise to You.
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You, Lord. In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes to You.
Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes to You. While there's hope in this heart, I will praise You, Lord.
When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to you. When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to you. God of mercy and love, I will praise you, Lord. Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light, I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now, I come alive, I am alive with you. There is strength when I say: I will praise You, Lord!
When sorrow comes my way, you are the shield around me. Always You remain my courage in the fight.
I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming, Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light!
The joy of the Lord is my strength! In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing, the joy of the Lord is my strength!

* OPENING HYMN (on screen)

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Cottrell and Brown

* SHARING THE PEACE

Lanny Lancaster

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lanny Lancaster

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Psalm 118

Susan Lapping

ANTHEM *Cornerstone* arr. Allen

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name. Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

HOMILY

"Foundations"

Wayne Purdy

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Christ Alone

arr. Galbraith

Julia Malit, solo

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again. And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

OFFERING INVITATION

Victoria Smathers

Offertory Anthem

Build My Life

arr. Nitz

Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring. Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You. Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only One who could ever save. Holy, there is no one like You; there is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder. And show me who You are, and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me. I will build my life upon Your love it is a firm foundation. I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.

*Doxology No. 94

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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

Victoria Smathers

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.

Communion Music

Christ Is Enough

arr. Galbraith

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion, Now there's nothing in this world that could ever satisfy. Through every trial, my soul will sing. No turning back, I've been set free. Christ is enough for me. Everything I need is in You. Christ my all in all, the joy of my salvation. And this hope will never fail, heaven is our home. Through every storm my soul will sing. Jesus is here, to God be the glory. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back. The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Phil Kuntz

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.

ANTHEM

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

arr. Duren

Christ is my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand. When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad that I put my faith in Jesus. He's never let me down. He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now? He won't. I've still got joy in chaos. I've got peace that makes no sense. I won't be going under. I'm not held by my own strength, 'cause I've built my life on Jesus. He's never let me down. He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now? He won't. Rain came, wind blew, my house was built on You. I'm safe with You. I'm gonna make it through, 'cause I'm standing strong on You. I'm gonna make it through, 'cause my house is built on You.

* HYMN (words on screen)

My Hope Is Built

*** BENEDICTION**

Wayne Purdy

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

*** POSTLUDE**

Carillon Toccata

Gordon Young

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Robert & Anne Cochran

Alpha and Omega Youth Choir
Sophia Cochran, Athena Malit, Julia Malit,
Stella Turner, Sarah Foster, Alicia Lail

Chuck Foster, guitar; Erin Lopp, drums; Wes O'Brien, piano; Justin Shelton, guitar;
Jenny Lail, A&O director

A special thank you to Scott Lail and the sound and video team.

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)

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
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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
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Announcements

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Curtis Campbell by Judy Osborne, Rod & Christine Osborne, Mike & Debbie Smith, Mike & Tracy Whitaker, and George & Amy Cook.

SPRING BRUNCH: Everyone is invited to attend our *Spring Brunch* in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** 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.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **May 7** is Sloppy Joes (*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*). We accept cash, check, or cards. *New Horizons 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. *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

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.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox at 336-993-5413.

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.

THE HERITAGE CLUB would love to have new friends join them at the next event on **May 29**—HPU Planetarium & Lunch – 20-minute tour of the summer night sky and 25-minute full dome movie. Following the HPU Planetarium Show, we will stop for lunch. We will leave the church at 9:15am. Reservations are required. Contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215 to make your reservation.

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, May's item is baked beans.

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

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