



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

## PRELUDE

*Streams of Living Water*  
Jill Gardner, organist

Douglas E. Wagner

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

Victoria Smathers

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 547

*O Church of God, United*

ELLACOMBE

### \* SHARING THE PEACE

At this time, 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.

Victoria Smathers

## 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.**

## SCRIPTURE

John 17: 20-26  
Pew Bible, NT page 111

Lanny Lancaster

## HOMILY

"Unity in Christ"

Lanny Lancaster

### \* HYMN No. 566

*Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*

EVAN

### \* OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory Anthem

*Worship As One*

Victoria Smathers

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music

\*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 CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(see insert)*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lanny Lancaster, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy

## 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. 606

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

KINGSFOLD

### \* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* POSTLUDE

*Postlude in G Major*

Gerald Peterson

\* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Members of the Confirmation Class

**HOLY BAPTISM  
CONFIRMATION  
RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RECEPTION INTO OUR CONGREGATION**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

Wayne Purdy

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

Victoria Smathers

I present **Lillian Cait Aubee, Lukas Timothy Brookshire, Andrew Smith Coulston, Ian Wright Coulston, Aubrey May Davis, Alexandra Adelia Elmore, Culyon Edward Garrison, Bauer Avery Medley, Eli Edward Phillips, and Stella Grace Ann Turner** for confirmation; **Jessica Medley** and **John Brookshire** for Membership.

**RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Lanny Lancaster

*(To the Confirmands)*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

*(To the Faith Partners)*

Will you who sponsor these candidates support and encourage them in their Christian life? **I will.**

*(To the Entire Congregation)*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care? **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Phil Kuntz

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM** for Bauer Avery Medley UMH pg. 36

Wayne Purdy

## **CONFIRMATION**

Lanny Lancaster, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy, Victoria Smathers  
(Name), the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lillian Aubee  
Luke Brookshire

Andrew Coulston  
Ian Coulston

AubreyMay Davis  
Allie Elmore

CJ Garrison  
Bauer Medley

Eli Phillips  
Stella Turner

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Lanny Lancaster

*(To the Confirmands and John and Jessica)*

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**

Phil Kuntz

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? **I will.**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Wayne Purdy

*(To Everyone)*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

### **Confirmand**

Lillian Aubee  
Luke Brookshire  
Andrew Coulston  
Ian Coulston  
AubreyMay Davis  
Allie Elmore  
CJ Garrison  
Bauer Medley  
Eli Phillips  
Stella Turner

### **Parents**

Paul & Stacey Aubee  
John & Susanne Brookshire  
James & Kristin Coulston  
James & Kristin Coulston  
Harry & Michele Davis  
Chris & Lauren Elmore  
Brian & Stephanie Ward  
Jacob Medley and Jessica Medley  
Jeremiah & Jaime Phillips  
Aubrey & Jenna Turner

### **Faith Partner**

Beth Johnson  
Aubrey Turner  
Phil Bauguess  
Phil Bauguess  
Cambell Robertson  
Victoria Smathers  
Dave Black  
Scott Lail  
Aubrey Turner  
Jenny Lail

This year's Confirmation Teachers and Leaders: Jenna Turner, Dave Black, Betsy Dagenhart

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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  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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

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# Announcements

**THE WHITE ROSEBUDS** on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Jan Manske; Wade Hampton; Linda H. Williams, Kelly Kenion's mother; & Arlene Koeller, Kevin Koeller's mother.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for MSUMC member Wade Hampton will be held in our Sanctuary at 11:00am on **June 2**.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for MSUMC member Jan Manske will be held at 3:00pm on **June 3** at River Landing. A reception will be held at 2:00pm on that same date.

**JOB OPENING:** Main Street UMC is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7AM – 4PM. Contact Tina Crew in the Church Office for more details.

**TAKE A HIKE GROUP:** Our next hike is Tuesday, **June 3**. 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST!** Wear RED on **June 8** as an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As "tongues of fire" came to rest on the disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather in worship and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit. The red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.

**THE HERITAGE CLUB** will meet for Breakfast at Cagney's in Kernersville at 9:00am on **June 10**.

**SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE:** All Church Council members (*and any interested church members*) should plan to attend a meeting on **June 12** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are required to have a special charge conference to approve the new associate pastor's compensation package; the meeting will be brief.

**FAREWELL TO PASTOR PHIL**—We look forward to celebrating the 4 years of ministry that Phil Kuntz has shared with Main Street UMC on **June 15**, which will be Pastor Phil's last Sunday with us. We will have a farewell reception in The Commons on June 15 during the Sunday School hour (9:45 to 10:45am). We know that many members will want to participate in a love offering and share personal "Thank You" cards, etc with Phil. The deadline for contributions to a love offering will be June 30 and cards should be received prior to the farewell reception on June 15. Cards and contributions may be placed in the weekly collection plates or dropped off to the church office; please label these for Phil's love offering. Most importantly, your prayers, thoughts, and support of Phil, Emma, Edie, and Thomas during this transition period are appreciated.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** the deadline for the JC Grose Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is **June 16**; and the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**. Applications for both scholarships can be found at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under Ministries and Youth.

**QUARTERLY DINNER:** the Methodist Men's quarterly dinner will be on **June 17** at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. **Everyone** is invited (*that means anyone who is interested, not just the men*), just remember to please make a reservation by **June 13**. This allows the circle preparing the meal to plan enough meals. Reservations can be made at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe. Our guest speaker for June will be Jon Musser, Director of Mission Services for World Relief Triad, an organization that works with local refugee families. Mike Harris, who volunteers with World Relief, will introduce the speaker. This is a project supported by Main Street with our missions donations.

**LET US PRAY FOR** our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Sarah McIntosh and her family: husband Shane and children Abigail and Ellie as they prepare to move to our community this summer. Plan to attend worship on **July 13** to meet Rev. Sarah McIntosh on her first Sunday with us where she will deliver the message at all 3 worship services.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be on **July 14-17**. Save the date and plan to send your children and grandchildren to Main Street's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "True North" and our kids will go on an Alaskan Adventure where they will learn that we have Jesus—our true north! Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever! Register at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org).

# Lyrics

## O CHURCH OF GOD, UNITED

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

## BLEST BE THE DEAR UNITING LOVE

1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside, nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
5. Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart, nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.

## COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE

1. Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord; give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify; and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.
2. The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind; we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind. We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow; and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
3. Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, and register our names on high and keep us to that day!