

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Creation Care Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 1

Muzio Clementi (1752 - 1832)

1st Movement: Spiritoso; 2nd Movement: Andante; 3rd Movement: Vivace Sophia Cochran, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Victoria Smathers

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 92 For the Beauty of the Earth

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883

Victoria Smathers

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE

Victoria Smathers

CREATION CARE MOMENT

Chuck Dagenhart

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.

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Rev. Jonathan Brake, Conference Creation Care Coordinator

ANTHEM The Heavens Are Telling Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, Director and Pianist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19 Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, OT page 498

SERMON "Honor Your Mother" Lanny Lancaster

* **HYMN** No. 62 All Creatures of Our God and King, vv. 1-5 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERING INVITATION

Phil Kuntz

OFFERTORY Evening In the Country (No. 5 from "Ten Easy Pieces") Béla Bartók (1881-1945) *DOXOLOGY No. 94

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 Wayne Purdy

* **HYMN** No. 144 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

* BENEDICTION Lanny Lancaster

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE Toccatina, Op. 27, No. 7 Dimitri Kabalevsky (1904 - 1987)

^{*} please stand as you are able

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 worshiping 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 Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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

Announcements

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on May 14 is Spiral Cut Ham (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. Seafarers SS 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.

TAKE A HIKE GROUP: Our next hike is Tuesday, <u>May 20.</u> 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 7:00pm on May 22 in the Fellowship Hall.

THE HERITAGE CLUB would love to have new friends join them at the next event on <u>May 29</u>—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.

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 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 <u>June 13</u>. This allows the circle preparing the meal to plan enough meals. Reservations can be made at 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.

COLLECTION BOXES are in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: <u>HOPE CENTER</u>—donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; <u>BOOKSAPALOOZA</u>—donate new or used books; and <u>CRISIS CONTROL</u>—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, May's item is baked beans.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a "button" on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!

Lyrics

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 6. For thy self, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

- 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain, O praise ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5. All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
- 3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!