



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Creation Care Sunday

8:30am

Worship Service

WELCOME

Phil Kuntz

PRELUDE

Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 1

Muzio Clementi (1752 - 1832)

1st Movement: Spiritoso; 2nd Movement: Andante; 3rd Movement: Vivace

Sophia Cochran, piano

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Phil Kuntz

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

*** HYMN** No. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CREATION CARE MOMENT

Janet Lancaster

ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

Chorale; Jill Gardner, Director and Pianist

Mark Patterson

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

Pew Bible, OT page 498

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"Honor Your Mother"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 62

All Creatures of Our God and King, vv. 1-5

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883

Phil Kuntz

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**

Phil Kuntz

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PSALTER READING

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, OT page 501

Pat Knox

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYERPhil 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.

OFFERING INVITATIONPhil Kuntz

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

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

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

* BENEDICTIONPhil Kuntz

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*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 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
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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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, **May 20**. 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 **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.

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 **June 13**. 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: **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.

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!