



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 25, 2025  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:30am  
*Worship Service*

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## WELCOME

Al Ward

## PRELUDE

*A Morning Call to Prayer* from **An American Tribute**  
Jill Gardner, organist

Robert J. Powell

## \* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Al Ward

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

## \* HYMN No. 306

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

VICTORY

## PSALTER READING

Psalm 67  
Pew Bible, OT page 529

Austin Whitaker

## ANTHEM

*Eternal Life (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)*  
Chorale; Jill Gardner, Director and Pianist

Olive Dungan

## SCRIPTURE

John 14: 25-31  
Pew Bible, NT page 109

Lanny Lancaster

## SERMON

"The Peace of Christ"

Lanny Lancaster

## \* HYMN No. 395

*Take Time to Be Holy*

HOLINESS

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Al Ward

**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.**

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## \* SHARING THE PEACE

Al Ward

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Al Ward

## MEMORIAL DAY LITANY

Al Ward

Today, we give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the common good:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to others:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Al Ward

**OFFERTORY** *In Memoriam: The Grief of Separation Tempered  
by Faith and Courage* from **An American Tribute**

Robert J. Powell

**\*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 THANKSGIVING**

Al Ward

**\* HYMN** No. 696

*America*

MATERNA

**\* BENEDICTION**

Al Ward

**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** *Our National Glory Is Restored by the Promise of Resurrection*  
from **An American Tribute**

Robert J. Powell

\* 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  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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# Announcements

**THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** is in need of additional church members to help with serving families during receptions that follow funeral services held at Main Street. Members may provide finger foods such as small sandwiches, cookies, or cakes and assist with serving at the receptions. If you are available and feeling called to serve with this most important ministry, please contact Beth Johnson at (336) 813-4088.

**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.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on **May 26** for Memorial Day.

**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.

**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.

**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! More details about registration and volunteer opportunities will be available soon!

**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.

**THANK YOU** for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.