


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

PRELUDE

<i>Easter Alleluia</i>	Lyra Davidica/arr. R. A. Steinberg
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Traditional/arr. Anonymous
<i>Christ Arose</i>	R. Lowry/arr. A. Weitekamp
<i>Welcome Happy</i>	A. S. Sullivan/arr. D. Blair
<i>An Easter Celebration for Brass & Organ</i>	Joel Raney
<small>Brass 5 Sextet; Jill Gardner, organ</small>	

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CHORAL INTROIT

<i>Easter Festival</i>	M.S. Bryson
<small>Adult Chancel Choir; Brass 5 Sextet; Jill Gardner, piano</small>	

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Wayne Purdy

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

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

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.

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

M. Burkhardt

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Dan Whitney, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Nancy Copeland, Rich Blakemore, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18
Pew Bible, NT page 114

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"I Have Seen The Lord!"

Lanny Lancaster

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Easter Lullaby

Christoph Moschberger

* **DOXOLOGY**

sung to the tune of LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All praise to You, O Risen Lord, Now by both Heav'n and Earth adored; Alleluia! Alleluia!
To You our lips will ever raise, The tribute of our grateful praise,
O Praise Him, O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Wayne Purdy

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 12 and page 17 Musical Setting A

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy, Al Ward

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

SHARING THE MEAL

Wondrous Love

setting by Alfred V. Fedak

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.

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. 364

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

* **BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Hallelujah Chorus from MESSIAH*

G. F. Handel

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ and Brass

C.M. Widor

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistant: Susan Furmage

We welcome Brass 5 from Roanoke, VA for offering their talents to our Easter Worship today:

Brian Quakenbush, trumpet; Darrell Pearman, trumpet; Emily McNair, horn;

Jefferson Ritchie, trombone; Robert Chernault, tuba; Dave McKee, percussion

Main Street Music is made possible in part by your generous donations to the

Blackwell Music Fund.

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.

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 336-994-3411 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 Kids' Time 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
Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Ministries
Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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SING WITH THE CHOIR ON THE “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” TODAY

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward during the singing of the last hymn to join with the choir in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Extra copies of the music are available on either side of the choir loft.

ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dave Plyler.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, **April 6** for the Easter Monday holiday. The office will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday.

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 continue* through the end of May, even though the Wednesday Dinners are finished for the semester.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS FINISHED FOR THE SEMESTER

Our Wednesday Night Connect Dinners have ended for this semester. We will resume in September after Labor Day.

HERITAGE CLUB

We will have a covered dish luncheon with the River Landing Band performing on **April 7** at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Circle #2 will be joining us! We will be feeding the band before they perform. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a dish or two that will feed a crowd. Reservations are required by April 3, contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

ADULT MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Methodist Men have arranged the week of May 17 – 22 for our trip to Spruce Pines where we will be lodging at facilities set up by Baptist On Mission. Meals and lodging are estimated to be about \$150 per person for the week. Scholarships are available. Able-bodied men, women and teens (15 years plus) are encouraged to join in this rebuilding effort for victims of the Helene disaster recovery. An informational meeting will be held on **April 7** at 7pm in room 310 of the Commons. Signup at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe. Additional suggestions and questions, text (leave your name) to: Curt Brown (228) 234-3317 or Bob Oglesby (336) 577-2902.

GRIEFSHARE

We are pleased to offer a GriefShare group (support and healing for those who have lost a loved one) at MSUMC starting on **April 9** at 6:00pm and running for 13 sessions until July 2. Vickie Whitley, MSUMC member and Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will facilitate the group. Register online at griefshare.org/findagroup or contact Vickie at vwhitley518@gmail.com.

CHURCH KEYS

If you have borrowed a key to the church and are no longer using it, please return the key to Tina Crew in the church office.

SHREDDING

Circle #2 is sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **April 25** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Main Street Connections Email requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; Bulletin Announcements are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.

COLLECTION BOXES

A collection box for RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG plastic film recycling is located at the Member Pickup Station in the Commons, Fellowship Hall, and Preschool. We also have collection boxes in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: GOT SNEAKERS—donate used sneakers to be repurposed; 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, April’s items are applesauce and canned fruit.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
- [5]. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
- [6]. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choirs; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

BECAUSE HE LIVES

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. 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.
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he [Jesus] gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. 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.
3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. 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.