

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jill Gardner, organ

Dale Wood

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Alpha and Omega Youth Choir; Nora McKinney, soloist; Wes O'Brien, accompanist; Jenny Lail, director

arr. Cottrell

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

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

Wayne Purdy

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Victoria Smathers

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 OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

WE HEAR FROM GOD

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.

PSALTER READING UMH page 794 (with sung refrain) Psalm 71 name

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson
Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten,
Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield,
Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien;
Sophia Cochran, accompanist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 1-21 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, NT page 162

SERMON "Spiritual Gifts" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 336 *Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me* MEYER

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Waly, Waly* arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace
* **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 Wayne Purdy

* **HYMN** No. 310 *He Lives* ACKLEY

* **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Classical Postlude* Robert J. Hughes
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

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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FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Sarah Morris Gramley on her birthday by her sons Bill, Steven, and Stuart.

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. 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.

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.

SPRING FOLLY PARKING FUNDRAISER

MSUMC will offer FREE parking for our community members who attend the 2026 Spring Folly on May 1 and 2. We are looking for volunteers to direct cars to available parking spots and accept donations for the benefit of Crisis Control Ministry. Crisis Control will provide volunteers for the Friday shifts and MSUMC will cover the Saturday 10-12 and 12-2 shifts. This is a fun opportunity for friends, family, and small groups to volunteer for a 2-hour shift on Saturday. While there is no charge for parking, donations benefiting Crisis Control Ministry in Kernersville will be accepted. For more information, contact Dave Black (336-817-4081) or Curt Brown (228-234-3317). To sign up for a shift in the parking lot on **May 2**, please go to mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

ASK ME ABOUT MY CHURCH TENT

This year at Spring Folly, Main Street will have an "Ask Me About My Church" tent in our parking lot. The goal is to give everyone who parks at our church parking lot an opportunity to learn more about the ministries of Main Street so they feel welcome and ready to come back and worship with us. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a 2-hour shift on May 2 where you can sit under our MSUMC tent and share your love of Christ with our community by being a warm and welcoming presence in our parking lot. To sign up for a shift under the tent on **May 2**, please go to mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the *National Day of Prayer Breakfast* on **May 7** at the Kernersville YMCA at 7:00am with community members and the Kernersville Christian Ministers Fellowship. There will be prayer, fellowship, worship, and free breakfast for all who attend.

CARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We will be collecting Graduation Cards from our church members for the High School Graduates that will be given to the Graduates during the 10:55am service on Sunday, May 17. The next time you are at the store, pick up cards for the High School Seniors and place them in the collection box that will be located in the Narthex until **May 10**. Main Street's High School graduates are Laney Blevins, Jack Christy, Ryan Engle, Daniel Hall, Alexis Hunter, Testimony Olubunmi, Grayson Phillips, and Nathan Pitts.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Church members who are 2026 college graduates (*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 31** to be included in the June newsletter.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us know how we can pray for you! You can submit your prayer request 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!

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

OF ALL THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS TO ME

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease to take and treasure most these three: love, joy, and peace.
2. The Spirit shows me love's the root of every gift sent from above, of every flower, of every fruit, that God is love.
3. The Spirit shows if I possess a love no evil can destroy; however great is my distress, then this is joy.
4. Though what's ahead is mystery, and life itself is ours on lease, each day the Spirit says to me, "Go forth in peace!"
5. We go in peace, but made aware that, in a needy world like this, our clearest purpose is to share love, joy, and peace.

HE LIVES

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.