


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 2026

10:55am

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Creation Care Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

CREATION CARE MOMENT

John Stone

PRELUDE

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Jill Gardner, organ

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CAROL CHOIR INTROIT

Blessed Chant

Keith Watson

Carol Choir; Cole Sheppard, drums; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Wayne Purdy

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

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 57

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM

Seek First the Kingdom

Dennis and Nan Allen

Carol Choir; Harper Foster, soloist; Chuck Foster, guitar;
Jill Branoff, accompanist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM No. 33

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

Deacon Lee Taylor

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sarah McIntosh

PSALTER READING UMH page 137 (with sung refrain) Psalm 23

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ANTHEM

The Bells of Easter

Stan Pethal

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; Main Street Ringers; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11: 23-25
Pew Bible, NT page 173

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

“Remember Who You Are”

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 617

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Kenneth T. Kosche

*** 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

Sarah McIntosh

*** HYMN** No. 707

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Hymn of Promise

Jeremy J. Bankson

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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UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for May/June have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pickup Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

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.

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 **Sunday, 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.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 14** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (336-993-5413).

SCHOLARSHIP

The Grose-Kirkman Sunday School Class announces that applications are open to award the 15th annual J. C. Grose Memorial Scholarship. More details and application may be found at mainstreetumc.org under Ministries and Youth on the red stripe. This scholarship provides financial support to MSUMC members and children of members who are pursuing college degrees at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning. The scholarship provides up to 1000 dollars for a student who has completed his or her freshman, sophomore, or junior years of college. Prior award recipients may also apply for additional years of support by reapplying each summer and maintaining an acceptable grade point average. The deadline for J.C. Grose scholarship applications is **May 23** at 5:00 PM.

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!

THANK YOU

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

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. [May be omitted]. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

I COME WITH JOY

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us that makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

HYMN OF PROMISE

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.