



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am
Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Sarah McIntosh

PRELUDE

A Hymn of Gladness Let Us Sing
Jill Gardner, organ

Setting by Paul Manz

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

McIntosh

Sarah

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

*** HYMN** No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sarah McIntosh

ANTHEM

In the Garden

David Schwoebel

Adult Chancel Chorale: Amei Manten, Andy Anderson, Carol Manz, Celia Leal, Cheryl McKinney,
Chuck Dagenhart, Chuck Foster, Dan Whitney, Dave Black, Debbie Prior, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster,
Leon Martin, Theresa Johnston-Crews; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

John 14: 1-14
Pew Bible, NT page 108

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

“The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 337

Only Trust Him

STOCKTON

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sarah McIntosh

PSALTER READING UMH page 764 (with sung refrain #2) Psalm 31: 1-16 Darrell Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Offertory on “Christ Is Risen”
(based on the Polish folk tune W ZLOBIE LEZY)

Dale Wood

*** 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

Sarah McIntosh

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

Sarah McIntosh

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

SHARING THE MEAL

Sarah McIntosh

Music for Meditation

Wondrous Love

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 break 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)

Sarah McIntosh

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. 307

Christ Is Risen

W ZLOBIE LEZY

* **BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "How Firm A Foundation"

Gordon Young

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

Serving Communion Today: Tracy Whitaker and

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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ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Byron Bullard.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

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

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.

WHIT'S CUSTARD PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

On Monday, **May 4**, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, our MSUMC Preschool will be hosting a Spirit Day at Whit's Frozen Custard. During this time, Whit's will generously donate 10% of all proceeds to support our preschool. Every dollar raised goes directly into our scholarship fund—helping open the doors of Main Street Preschool to children who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Because of your generosity through past donations and fundraisers, four children were able to attend this year. For the upcoming school year, five more children are hoping for that same chance. Your support is more than just a contribution—it's an investment in a child's future, a blessing to families, and a reflection of the love and care of our church community. We hope you will come out, enjoy a sweet treat, and help make a difference! Thank you for your continued support.

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, May's item is baked beans.