

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026

10:55am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship Service

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Wayne Purdy

**PRELUDE**

*A Hymn of Gladness Let Us Sing*  
Jill Gardner, organ

Setting by Paul Manz

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Wayne Purdy

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

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 529 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sarah McIntosh

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 764 (with sung refrain #2) Psalm 31: 1-16

Miriam Ward

**ANTHEM**

*In the Garden*

David Schwoebel

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; 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

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERTORY**

*Offertory on "Christ Is Risen"*  
(based on the Polish folk tune W ZLOBIE LEZY)

Dale Wood

\* **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

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

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

**SHARING THE MEAL**

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 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. 307

*Christ Is Risen*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

\* **BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

\* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**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

Today's Communion Assistants: Bill & Emily Dreshfield

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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.

**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](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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Main Street United Methodist Church

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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](http://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](mailto: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.

## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, yet saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## ONLY TRUST HIM

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
2. For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow; plunge now into the crimson flood that washes bright as snow. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
3. Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest; believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
4. Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go, to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

## CHRIST IS RISEN

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!