



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Toccata, Opus 1
Sophia Cochran, piano

John La Montaine

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Victoria Smathers

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

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 384

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

BEECHER

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Wayne Purdy

WE HEAR FROM GOD

ANTHEM

A Mother's Love

Tom Shelton

Carol Choir; Mothers/Grandmothers/Aunts and Adult Chancel Choir Women; 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.**

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 790 (with sung refrain) Psalm 66: 8-20	name
SCRIPTURE	John 14: 15-21	Sarah McIntosh
SERMON	"Not Left Orphaned"	Sarah McIntosh

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN	TFWS No. 2123	<i>Loving Spirit</i>	KINGDOM
OFFERING INVITATION			Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	arr. by James Bastien
	Harper Foster and Jill Gardner, pianists	

* 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. 695	<i>O Lord, May Church and Home Combine</i>	LAND OF REST

* BENEDICTION		Sarah McIntosh
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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE	<i>Easter Hymn</i>	arr. by James Bastien
	Finn Riddle and Jill Gardner, pianists	
<i>The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.</i>		

* 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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ROSEBUDS

The red rosebuds on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the births of Grant Games and Reid Jon Whitaker, twin sons of Brandon & Brooke Whitaker, grandsons of Mike & Tracy Whitaker, great-grandsons of Judy Osborne.

FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our Mother, Linda Bowen, and in gratitude of God's gift of maternal love for us all by Jennifer and Aubrey Bannon and Jill Gardner.

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED

Serving as an Acolyte or Crucifer at the 10:55 Sunday worship service is a GREAT way to serve and be involved in worship! This is a fun opportunity for kids in 2nd grade and beyond. Yes, even high schoolers can help out! Please contact Victoria in the church office to join the schedule.

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.

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 APPLICATIONS

Main Street UMC is blessed to offer two scholarships for *current college students*. Application information and more details may be found at mainstreetumc.org under Ministries and Youth on the red stripe. The deadline for J.C. Grose scholarship applications is **May 23** at 5:00pm. The deadline for Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship applications is **June 25**.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Church Council (*and any interested church members*) should plan to attend the meeting at 7:00pm on **May 28** in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

HERITAGE CLUB

Meet up with the Heritage Club for Breakfast at Cagney's in Kernersville at 9:00am on **June 8**. Pay for your meal at the restaurant, no reservations needed for this event.

YOU'RE INVITED TO QUARTERLY DINNERS

It's time to start making plans to attend the Methodist Men's dinner on **June 16** at 6:30pm. We plan to have Ashley Cooper speak to us that evening. Ashley is the coordinator of "Rest Stop", a program at Sedge Garden UMC. For those of you have haven't heard of "Rest Stop", it provides a helping hand to caregivers in the Kernersville area. The caregiver can take their loved one to Sedge Garden and leave them with trained caretakers, and have a few hours to themselves or take care of other things. If you or someone you know is taking care of a loved one, plan on attending the dinner on June 16 to learn more. Please remember to *make reservations at mainstreetumc.org by **Friday, June 12*** so we can prepare enough food. Everyone is invited, so if you're interested, you are welcome to attend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are making plans for our *Rainforest Falls* Vacation Bible School and we can't wait to see you there! We will hold VBS in the morning from 9:15 until 12:15 on **July 20-23**. Let Victoria Smathers know if you are available to help and be sure to register your child at mainstreetumc.org

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, May's item is baked beans.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

LOVING SPIRIT

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own, feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye, hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed: In your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

O LORD, MAY CHURCH AND HOME COMBINE

1. O Lord, may church and home combine to teach thy perfect way, with gentleness and love like thine, that none shall ever stray.
2. Let all unworthy aims depart, imbue us with thy grace; within the home let every heart become thy dwelling place.
3. Shine, Light divine; reveal thy face where darkness else might be. Grant, Love divine, in every place glad fellowship with thee.
4. May steadfast faith and earnest prayer keep sacred vows secure; build thou a hallowed dwelling where true joy and peace endure.