



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

8:30am
Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Sarah McIntosh

PRELUDE

Air from the Water Music Suite Handel/arr. Wallace-Mitchell & Head
Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Jill Gardner, organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah McIntosh

Give thanks to God, for God is good. **God's goodness and mercy are sure.**
Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here. **The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.**
Praise Christ Jesus, who loves us **with a love that is boundless and true.**
Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise, **as we worship together this day.**

*** HYMN** TFWS No. 2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

ST. BRENDAN'S

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sarah McIntosh

ANTHEM

Made for More arr. Gambill
Alpha & Omega Youth Choir; Justin Shelton, guitar; Wes O'Brien, accompanist; Jenny Lail, director

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 37-39 and Ephesians 2: 8-10

Wayne Purdy

SERMON

"Made for More"

Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** No. 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sarah McIntosh

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Sarah McIntosh

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. *universal

PSALTER READING UMH page 781 (with sung refrain) Psalm 47

Bob Oglesby

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria F. Schubert/arr. Wallace-Mitchell & Head
Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Jill Gardner, organ

* **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

* **HYMN** No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 310 *He Lives* (refrain)

ACKLEY

**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, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Jill Gardner, organ

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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WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is **May 24**—wear red! Wearing red on Pentecost is a great tradition: it's an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As "tongues of fire" came to rest on the disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather in worship and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit. The red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.

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.

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

BETHANY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at mainstreetumc.org (*look for "sign-ups" on the red stripe*).

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.