



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026

10:55am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Jill Gardner, organ

Dale Wood

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, **we have already come.**

Through days of joy and nights of fear, **we've traveled this far by faith.**

Through life, through death, **Christ walks with us.**

We are not alone. **Thanks be to God!**

In this promise, **let's worship God together.**

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*** 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

Sarah McIntosh

WE HEAR FROM GOD

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 749 (with sung refrain) Psalm 17: 1-7, 15 Ray Thomas

ANTHEM *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* C. Wesley/Foundery Coll.(1742)

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,
Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13: 24-30 Al Ward
Pew Bible, NT page 14

SERMON "What to Do When Weeds and Wheat Grow Close Together" Al Ward

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 141 *Children of the Heavenly Father* TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY *Offertory on ODE TO JOY* Don Hustad

* **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. 702 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* HYMN TO JOY

* **BENEDICTION** Al Ward

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Amazing Grace* J. Christopher Pardini

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 July/August 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 Narthex.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH LOCKUP

We're currently seeking a reliable individual to take on the responsibility of securing our facilities each evening. This would also include unlocking and relocking all buildings on Sundays. This role involves ensuring all doors are properly locked and the premises are safe before departure. Attention to detail and a strong sense of accountability are essential, as this task plays a critical role in maintaining the safety and integrity of our operations. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is dependable and takes pride in keeping things secure, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411) for more information.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

MSUMC is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7am – 4pm. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411).

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Club on **July 10** for Burgers and BINGO in the fellowship hall at 6:00. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and chips. Cost will be \$5 to cover the food. We would like for everyone to bring a dessert to share. Deadline to sign up will be July 7. Come join us for a fun night and be a BIG BINGO winner!

GIFTS TO REST STOP

From now through **July 12**, the Outreach committee is encouraging church members to make gifts to *Rest Stop*, a new program at The Shepherd's Center that gives a break to caregivers of community members with dementia. Many of us have friends or loved ones who have been affected by dementia. A list of those who give "in memory" or "in honor of" someone will be published in late July. A scholarship for one session of *Rest Stop* is \$40. Those making donations can give through the church with the check written to Main Street UMC, putting "Rest Stop in honor of" or "Rest Stop in memory of" in the memo line of the check. Of course, anonymous gifts are also welcome.

PALMER SCHOLARSHIP

Main Street UMC is blessed to offer the Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship 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 Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship applications is **June 25**.

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

SPEND A DAY WITH HABITAT

The Yadkin Valley District (our district) of the UMC is supporting Forsyth County Habitat for Humanity this year and encouraging all of us to participate (ages 18 and older or 16-17 years with a guardian). Main Street offers two ways for you to do so: Go with a group--Chuck Dagenhart is planning to have a "full" 10-member MSUMC team participate on Saturday **August 1**. Sign-up at mainstreetumc.org. You can also go as an individual--you can sign up for ANY Monday to Thursday and Saturday. Sign up at <https://habitatforsyth.org/volunteer/>. Be sure to say you're from Main Street when you sign up!

HANDS TOGETHER DAY

Our churchwide day of service is "all systems go" for Saturday, **August 29**. Please save that date, plan to participate and encourage friends and family to do the same. In addition to continuing most of our successful projects from two years ago, we will have new projects from the Preschool and Room at the Inn. Most projects end by lunchtime. Sign ups will begin in August.

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.

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, June's items are peanut butter & jelly.

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.
2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices; Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.
4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"