



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2026

10:55am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

A Communion Medley
Jill Gardner, organ

arr. Gayden C. Sikes

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

* OPENING HYMN TFWS No. 2236 *Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Victoria Smathers

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 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

Melissa Dreshfield

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual
arr. W.F. Smith

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 14: 13-21
Pew Bible, NT page 16

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"Taken, Blessed, Broken, Given"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 599

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré/arr. David Paxton

* 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

Adagio on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

F.D. Ashdown

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. A gluten-free option is available in the center for any who need it. 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. 634

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

French Military March from Suite Algerienne, Op. 60, MM 4

Saint-Saëns

arr. Gayden Sikes

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

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.

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

Monthly (Third Sunday of the month)

6:30pm NOW (Night of Worship) service in the Chapel

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
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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KAIROS

Twice a year, our Kairos team sends a group of volunteers to Central Prison in Raleigh to minister to prison residents during a four-day event. For this upcoming event, we are inviting you to partner with the Kairos team in two ways: 1) Help with the expense of buying the cookie dough, and/or 2) join us in a cookie-baking event in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. We only need about five volunteers to help, so first-come, first-helping? **Today**, we will be in the area between the Narthex and the Chapel asking for donations to the program and asking you to consider praying for us and signing the chain. We will also be baking the cookies today at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall; please consider joining us!

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Join us **this afternoon** for our *Annual Church Picnic* at Shelter #1 in Triad Park. The church will provide water, iced tea, lemonade, and fried chicken. Plan to arrive about **4:00pm** with your favorite side dishes and desserts. We will begin eating at 5:15 after the blessing. Back by popular demand, Darrell Davis will emcee our famous "Little Wheels for Big Meals" race, featuring Lanny "Lightning" Lancaster, Victoria "Victory Lane" Smathers, and Wayne "Steelers Win" Purdy exhibiting their skill in the exciting tricycle race. It's always a fun event and a great way to come together with your MSUMC family.

LOST AND FOUND

Our "Lost and Found" bins are overflowing! Please check the Member Pickup Station along the brick wall at the entrance to the Commons to see if anything belongs to you. All items that are unclaimed by **August 14** will be donated.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER IN FAITH

The *Tuesdays Together in Faith* Bible Study group meets each Tuesday at 10:30am in Room 320. They will begin a new study soon and this is the perfect time to join the group! Kimberly Thompson and Joy Key will be leading the study based on Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven* starting **August 11** and ending on Sept. 22. The book for this class is approx. \$22 and the corresponding workbook is \$15, contact Susan Furmage for more information at 336-671-1244.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 13** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Club on **August 14** for dinner at Hillbilly Hideaway. If anyone wants to carpool, please meet at the church at 5:00. Everyone will pay for their meal at the restaurant and reservations are required. Deadline to sign up is August 11; contact Debbie Smith to sign up!

HELP NEEDED AT THE HONEYBEE FESTIVAL

Our church will have a booth at this year's Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **August 15** from 10am until 5pm at 4th of July Park. This is a chance for you to represent our church and engage the Kernersville community. The goal is to make more disciples. We are looking for church members to take shifts at the booth. Sign up to help at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" on the red stripe.

CHURCH MOUSE PROGRAM

The Church Mouse program is a "secret pal" program designed to keep our MSUMC college students connected to their church family. A Church Mouse is assigned a specific college student and provided with a list of their interests and favorites. Throughout the school year, the Church Mouse is encouraged to send a combination of notes, inexpensive treats, care packages, or gift cards. The identity of the Church Mouse is kept a secret throughout the year and is then revealed at the end of the school year in late April/early May. If you have questions, please reach out to Christie Hunter or Tara Stamper. Contact Betsy in the church office (336-993-3411 betsy.tang@mainstreetumc.org) by **August 15** if you would like to be a Church Mouse for the 2026-27 school year!

JOB OPENINGS

MSUMC currently has three job openings. We would like to hire: a part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant; a part-time Custodian; and a part-time facilities lock-up person. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office. Be sure to visit our church website, mainstreetumc.org and look under "News" to find more details about the positions.

NOW SERVICE

You've been asking, and we have been listening. We are excited to share that our *Night of Worship (NOW)* Service will re-launch this Fall! We will worship together every 3rd Sunday at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Nursery will be available for tiny ones and we will have *Kids Connect* small group for school-aged children. Mark your calendars for Sunday, **August 16** at 6:30pm as we celebrate the start to a new school year by worshipping together with the NOW Praise Band and a guest speaker. We hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We will celebrate the start of a new school year by having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the 10:55am worship service and the 6:30pm NOW service on **August 16**.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HANDS TOGETHER!

Our churchwide day of caring will be the morning of Saturday **August 29**. Don't miss your chance to join your friends and fellow church members in serving the community and learning more about local nonprofit organizations. Look under "signups" on our church website or pick up a paper form to choose the projects that fit your talents and interests.

GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kindgom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee; then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE

1. Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.
2. With minds alert, upheld by grace to spread the word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then grant us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim way, and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.