



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026

10:55am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Victoria Smathers

## PRELUDE

*Meditation in C Major*  
Jill Gardner, organ

John S. Dixon

## 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 No. 617

*I Come With Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

### \* 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 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 861 (with sung refrain) Psalm 148

Jan Hampton

## ANTHEM

*Holy Spirit, Flame and Fire*  
Kincaid Vinay, Liturgical Dancer

Deborah Govenor

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 18: 15-20  
Pew Bible, NT page 20

Lanny Lancaster

## HOMILY

"Spirit Life: Unity"

Lanny Lancaster

### \* HYMN No. 560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

ACCEPTANCE

## OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

### OFFERTORY

*Duo in G Major*

John S. Dixon

### \* 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

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

Lanny Lancaster and Sarah McIntosh

## THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

## SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation

*Just As I Am*

J. Mansfield

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)

Sarah McIntosh

**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. 389

*Freely, Freely*

FREELY, FREELY

### \* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

David H. Hegarty

*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: Ann Ballard, Tina Crew, Al Ward

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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

### Monthly (Third Sunday of the month)

6:00pm 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

### Main Street United Methodist Church

**306 S. Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284 336-993-3411 [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org)**

## THANK YOU

for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food and coffee/beverages.

## ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ellen Lancaster, Lanny Lancaster's mother.

## CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to go deeper with Christ? We are offering THREE options for you to be a part of the *Connect Bible Study* each week! Come to the Chapel with Pastor Lanny on Wednesdays at 11:00am or 6:30pm starting on **September 9** - OR - come to Room 320 (upstairs Commons) with Mark Key on Sundays at 5:00pm starting on **September 13**! Register at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe.

## DISCIPLE 3 BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to be offering the *Disciple 3 Bible Study: Remember Who You Are* which covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Wayne Boger will lead this 24-session class and it will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. The orientation meeting will be held on **September 9** at 6:30pm and the first class will begin on September 16. The cost for materials is \$40 and you can pay at the orientation meeting. Please register in advance at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe.

## OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Oasis starts back for the Fall on **September 9**! 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.

## WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **September 9** is Pork Tenderloin (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, but if you need to get your meal "to-go", then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for "to-go" meals. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing [receptionist@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:receptionist@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations for dining in-person or "to-go" must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). We accept cash, check, or cards. Grose-Kirkman and Becoming SS classes serving.

## PREACHER JEOPARDY

It's that time of year again! Time to make your reservations for the Main Street Methodist Men's Edition of Preacher Jeopardy. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, **September 15**. Dinner will be served at 6:30, with the game starting soon after. Please sign up to attend as soon as possible, because this has become a popular dinner the last couple of years. So, clear your calendars for September 15, make your reservations by **September 11** online at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under "signups" on the red stripe, and we look forward to seeing you there. The Methodist Men thank you in advance for your support. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

## SHREDDING

Circles #2 and #5 are sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **September 19** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

## HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club will go see Thomas Dambo's "Little Sally" Troll in High Point on Monday, **September 21**. The van will leave the church at 10 am. You can ride in the van, follow us or meet us there. There is a short nature trail leading to the sculpture so you might want to bring a cane or walker if you feel like your balance might be challenged. We will eat lunch at Santorini's Grill in High Point afterwards. If you would like to join us, please call or text Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

## CONNECTION SURVEYS

Let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with MSUMC. Look in the Narthex and Commons for survey forms and an electronic version is also available at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under "signups" on the red stripe. Surveys are due by **September 30**.

## 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](http://mainstreetumc.org) and look under "News" to find more details about the positions.

## ADULT MISSION TRIP

As you know, there is still a lot of need in the wake of Hurricane Helene even though it's been almost 2 years. This year's October rebuild mission will be near Asheville, NC in Swannanoa. We will stay at a Baptist on Mission (BOM) facility.. The dates are **October 25-30** and we will be doing construction-related home repair and/or new build (details TBD). All/skill level is needed. In the past, we've done painting, caulking, finish trim, framing, roofing, insulation, window/door installation, siding, and more. Contact MSUMC member Ivan Johnson for more details and/or go online to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLR5ZCJ>

### I COME WITH JOY

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us that makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

### HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

### FREELY, FREELY

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."