



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

10:55 am  
Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Reid Gilliam, organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Turn to Christ, **who calls us here.**  
Place your trust in God, **who protects our lives.**  
Lean into Spirit, **as we worship in Spirit and truth.**

\* Processional Hymn No. 159

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

**Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength. Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives. Comfort us in our distress and pour your grace into our lives. Redeem us with your love, that we might rise with Christ, newborn and vibrantly alive. Grant us the confidence to witness to your life-giving love.** *All pray in silence.*  
God fills our hearts with joy and covers our lives with grace. Rest in this truth and be at peace. All is well and all will be well. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

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.**

*\* universal*

\* Sung Response No. 166 *All Praise to Thee, vs. 5* SINE NOMINE

**Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Phil Kuntz

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass**

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## 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.

Scripture Acts 6: 1-7 name  
Pew Bible, NT page 123

Anthem *I Then Shall Live* Gaither/FINLANDIA/arr. Larsen  
Chancel Choir; Reid Gilliam, guest pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "A Remarkable Solution" Mike Gehring

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* Hymn No. 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* MESSIAH

Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy  
Offertory  
\*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 Phil Kuntz

\* Hymn No. 664 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* THE ASH GROVE

\* Benediction Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

\* please stand as you are able

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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.

**Restrooms** are located in the back left corner of the Narthex.

**Should you need to step out during worship**, you can go to the Parlor and still view and hear the worship service. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**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 993-3411 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 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 *Moments with Children* 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)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

### **Thursdays**

6:30pm NOW: Night of Worship contemporary service in the Chapel (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

## **Main Street UMC Staff**

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor  
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor  
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation  
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries  
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries  
Nancy Blakemore, 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  
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian  
Willie Craven, Custodian  
Theo Dunlap, Custodian  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

## **Main Street United Methodist Church**

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# Announcements

**GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION TODAY** at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. In anticipation of the United Methodist Church's General Conference scheduled for the end of April, we will have a presentation by Kim Ingram, who was elected as the lead clergy delegate for General Conference. She brings a wealth of information about the challenges our denomination faces and the upcoming legislative proposals. Plan to join us for this important presentation!

**TAKE A HIKE** on Tuesday, **April 16**. Meet at 9 in the church parking lot. We will visit 4th of July Park and walk to Old Kernersville Lake, about 3 miles total on paved trails and streets. Please join us!

**OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE:** Come to the Sanctuary at 5:30pm 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 meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **April 17** is Pulled Pork (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@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 must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (*10 & under*). *Grose-Kirkman SS class serving.*

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **April 18** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**FOOD DRIVE:** United Methodists across North Carolina are joining together to nourish our neighbors during the two weeks of the General Conference (April 23-May 3) as a part of our mission initiative, ***One Body: Nourishing North Carolina***. United Methodists from around the world will be in Charlotte for General Conference; and as the world's eyes are focused on disaffiliation and schism, ***One Body: Nourishing North Carolina*** will combat food insecurity in North Carolina, providing an alternative narrative of hope and healing. Main Street UMC will focus on collecting non-perishable food donations for both *Crisis Control* and *Project Re3 Hope Center* to distribute in our local community. From **April 21 to May 5**, bring your non-perishable food donations to the church and deposit them in the bins for Crisis Control and Project Re3.

**THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB** will meet at noon in Room 310 on **April 25**. Everyone is invited to read Russell Moore's book, *Losing Our Religion*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to attend our *Spring Brunch* in the Fellowship Hall on **April 28** from 9:30am until 1:00pm. This is a fundraiser for the United Women in Faith and donations will be accepted. Come out and enjoy breakfast casserole, fruit, muffins, pastries, coffee, juice, and milk while you socialize with other church members before or after you worship!

**OUR HERITAGE CLUB** will go to a Grasshopper Baseball Game on May 21. Game starts at 6:30. Bus will leave the church at 5:30. Cost will be \$12 for the game and to ride the bus will be \$5. "Discount Tuesday" prices on food and drinks. Reservations and payment required by **April 21** (contact Debbie Smith).

**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a new study of *All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter on **April 30**. This 8-week study will be led by Joy Key and Kimberly Thompson. We begin at 10:30am and finish around noon. The church will order some books or you can order a copy on your own. Books will cost \$17 (*exact change or check please*). Register by calling the church at 336-993-3411 or emailing [kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org).

**SPRING FOLLY PARKING FUNDRAISER** on **May 4**: Mark your calendars for Kernersville's Spring Folly and help us raise money for Crisis Control by collecting donations from those attending the festival who park in our parking lot. This year, Main Street will need to fill volunteer spots from **10am to 12** and **12 to 2pm** on Saturday, May 4. Crisis Control will provide volunteers for the other time slots. Sign up at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) and click on "signups" on the red stripe. Thank you for helping our community provide for those who are in need!

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. April's items are pancake mix and syrup; other non-perishable food items can be donated as well. Items may be dropped off at any time during office hours (*8:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-noon on Friday*).

**WEARING NAMETAGS** is an act of hospitality—please remember to wear your nametags when you come to church and contact the church office if you need a new one!

**THANK YOU** for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

## Lyrics

### LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

1. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.
2. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
4. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

### TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

### SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.