



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, September 14, 2014
Services at 8:30/11:00am
www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

(The Jesus prayer from the Eastern Orthodox tradition)

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

PRELUDE

Tocatta in F Major

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***A CRY FOR MERCY, No. 482**

Lord, Have Mercy

Antiphonal

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Commands of God

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

"God spoke from the mountain and said: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts."

“Jesus said, ‘The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our God is the only Lord.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength.**

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.’”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 451**

Be Thou My Vision

(Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Libby Hartung)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 18:31-43

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
sin and stubbornness have clouded our vision.
We see only in part and not clearly at all.
This is why we pass by the poor with such ease
and treat many of your children as if they were a bother.
We will continue to walk in ignorance and blindness,
unless by your great mercy you open the eyes of our hearts,
illumine our understanding with the light of the Holy Spirit,
and set before us afresh the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
So with forgiveness grant us new sight,
to see where you are already at work,
and the courage to join you there as a church of servants.
Amen.** (All wait in silence and listening for God to speak.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Stanza 4 Only

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Building Up The Choir!

Brab Crooks: SPRC Chair

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT

Zion Restored

Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Shell Dula Lay Reader)

CELEBRATION SINGERS *Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands (M. Patterson)*
Larry Moore, Tiffany Atkinson: Directors

CHILDREN'S TIME Kathy Kelly: Program Coordinator

ANTHEM *Here's One (arr. Tom Fettke)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Giving Sight on the Way to Jerusalem* Luke 18:31-43
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Eyes Closed, Eyes Open* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
What would it mean for my eyes to be opened to see Jesus clearly?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 351** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Including Epworth Work Day Offering*
OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer (Porter Stokes)* Josh Harrington: Organist
(Dr. Stokes is Chair of the Dept. of Music at Presbyterian College.)

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

***CONFESSING THE APOSTOLIC FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* *Hymnal: 880*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 273** *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

***PRAYER AT THE ALTAR** Prayer Team

The flowers are in memory of Mrs. Terry Kelly and given by her family to God's glory.

Sunday, Sept. 21 "Zacchaeus Gets Saved!" Luke 19:1-10

You are invited to join us in the Chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm for prayer.