



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

**Services at 8:30/11:00am**

**[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon**

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

**11:00am**

**Laity Sunday**

**Color: Green**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

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**“Laity are the people of God in ministry. Pastors are temporary coaches!”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Trace Meredith

**PRELUDE**

Josh Harrington: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Ann Wise: Prayer Sentinel, Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Revelation 21:1-5

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!**

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
**for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.**

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
**coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;**

and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.  
**He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe away every tear from their eyes....”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 73**

*O Worship the King*

(Crucifer: Jay Logan, Acolytes: William Rowland, Sanders Rogers)

**\*COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty and holy God, our heavenly Father,  
you have called all of us to follow Jesus  
and to live out the meaning of our baptism into the one body of Christ.  
We thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit  
who knits us together and spreads spiritual gifts among us all.  
You have given dignity to every good vocation  
so that the teacher and the tailor, the doctor and the driver,  
the mother and the machinist, the legislator and the laborer all serve you.  
Break down the division between Sunday and Monday,  
between the day of worship and the beginning of a new work week.  
May we apply ourselves to our daily duties with an eye to you,  
and may the fruits of our labors feed both us and those in need of bread.  
Transform our politics and our play, our hobbies and our habits,  
that with one life of integrity we may offer the whole of life back to you,  
for you are the great and Triune God who gives us all things to enjoy.  
Amen.** (Silence is kept for prayer and listening for the voice of the Spirit.)

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 368**

*My Hope Is Built*

Stanza 3 Only

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Charlie Barrineau: Stewardship Witness

**RESERVATION CARDS FOR NOVEMBER 9 CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*The Wicked and the Faithful*

Psalm 36:1-12

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

(Rhonda McGinnis: Lay Reader)

## THE TEACHING OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON THE LAITY

¶ 127. *The Ministry of the Laity*-The ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Lay members of The United Methodist Church are, by history and calling, active advocates of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.¶ 130. *Faithful Ministry*-The people of God, who are the church made visible in the world, must convince the world of the reality of the gospel or leave it unconvinced. There can be no evasion or delegation of this responsibility; the church is either faithful as a witnessing and serving community, or it loses its vitality and its impact on an unbelieving world.” (The Book of Discipline 1012)

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

**ANTHEM** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

### INTRODUCTION OF LAITY SUNDAY PREACHER

Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

### SERMON LESSON

*The Prodigal Son*

Luke 15:11-32

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

### SERMON

*Lost Brother*

Karl Kelly: Guest Preacher

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

### SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

\*HYMN, No. 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

Josh Harrington: Organist

\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 438

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

\*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

*Shalom to You*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Garvey by Phil and JoAnn Garvey Conti and Ed's loving children and great grandchildren.

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