



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

Sunday, August 31, 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“It is in the regular conversations of prayer that we catch a God’s-eye view.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE

Thanks be to God (G.F. Handel)

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Amos 5:10-11

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.

The prophet Amos preached and said,

“Seek good, and not evil,

that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,

as you have said.

Hate evil, and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,

will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 496**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

(Crucifer: Hampton Warner, Acolytes: Claire Leuthner-Barrineau, Rebekah Lomax)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 18:1-8

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

**Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
to stand before you in prayer is an awesome privilege.
Without your mercy we are lost and undone.
Put aside your anger at our sins of sloth and greed and pride.
Do not reject us because of our lust and envy,
our unrighteous anger and gluttonous addictions.
Instead, be patient with your people and forgive us for Jesus' sake.
Hear our cry for peace in a world of violence and hatred,
for the moral healing of our nation,
for the welfare of our loved ones,
for the salvation of the lost,
for our own needy souls,
and for this church which you established,
where week by week we gather to hear your Word and seek your face.
May your Holy Spirit come down upon us with light and fire from heaven.
Amen.** (Silent confession by all. Pardon is announced.)

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Stanza 4 Only

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

AN APPEAL FOR BIBLE STUDY

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

The U.M. Confession of Faith, Article IV: The Holy Bible

"We believe the Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation" (*Book of Discipline 2012: 71*)

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *The Stranger, Widow, and Orphan* Exodus 22:22-27

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

(Kim Clark: Lay Reader)

+PSALM 82 *Give Justice to the Weak and the Orphan* Hymnal: 804

CHILDREN'S TIME Shell Dula

ANTHEM *The Publican (Beardsley Van de Water)* Larry Moore: Baritone
(A retelling of Luke 18:9-14 which comes right after the sermon lesson.)

SERMON LESSON *Unjust Judge Meets Feisty Widow!* Luke 18:1-8
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Why Prayer Is Like Oxygen* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Have I learned to use the Lord's Prayer as a outline of kingdom prayer?
Do I appreciate God's long-suffering patience with me and my sins?
Have I ever thought wrongly that a good cause made me a good person?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 494** *Kum Ba Yah*

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

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

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Prayer (F. Guilmant)* Josh Harrington: Organist

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

***CONFESSING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 664** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

THE ALTAR IS OPEN FOR PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Sunday, September 7 *Serious About Eternal Life?* Luke 18:18-30
You are invited to join us in the Chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm for prayer.