



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, September 7, 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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“The door into the kingdom of God is not far away and unreachable;
it’s where you are, as near as a Yes to the disturbing call of Jesus Christ.”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Chorale in E Minor

Joyce Nickles: Guest Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***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. 733**

Marching to Zion

(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Spence Hagood, William Rowland)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 18:15-30

Christ our Lord invites to his table	(3 Standards)
all who love him,	Do you?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Will you?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Join us!

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
your coming kingdom has been opened to all peoples,
because all are called to follow Jesus Christ and learn his ways.
Your reign is near to children and the aged, near to rich and poor,
near to us today in the presence and power of your Holy Spirit.
But our hearts are full of false gods, of things we trust that cannot save,
and whenever one is torn down, another appears.
We trust in money, in health, in our power to make things happen.
We trust in our smarts, in our religion, in our family name, in our country,
Were it not for your mercy, we could not face the truth about ourselves.
Forgive us once again because of the cost Jesus paid in his blood.
Draw your circle of love around us once again,
and remind us that we are as needy and loved as a helpless child.
Amen. (Silent confession by all. Pardon is announced.)**

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Stanza 3 Only

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dr. Randy Harling: Connie Maxwell Children's Home

SERMON LESSON

The Kingdom Reaches Low and High

Luke 18:15-30

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

SERMON

The Odd Logic of the Kingdom of God

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

How is Jesus changing the way I think about prestige and power and worth?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

*HYMN, No. 191

Jesus Love Me

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (Franck)

Chancel Choir

Larry Moore: Director

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

Musical Setting B: 18-20

*HOLY COMMUNION

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

Servers: John & Amy Young, Lindsay Burns & Kit Adkins, Harold & Linda

McDonald, Joe & Vicki Chandler, Larry Moore: Table Assistant

SENDING FORTH

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Hymnal: 34-35, 38

*HYMN NO. 585

This Little Light of Mine

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

Shalom to You

+ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR THE SICK AT THE ALTAR

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of *M. L. Murph, Jr.* by Carolyn H. Murph and family

Sunday, Sept. 14

"Eyes Open, Eyes Shut"

Luke 18:31-43

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