



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
**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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Color: White

### Confirmation & Youth Sunday

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\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

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**“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example  
in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”**

– 1 Timothy 4:12–

### ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming  
**TRINITY CHIME** Richie Pinckney  
**PRELUDE** *In Christ Alone* Josh Harrington: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Saunders

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP, No. 162** *Alleluia, Alleluia* Stanzas 1, 4

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.**

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Blessing and honor, dominion and power,  
be to God for ever and ever!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 62** *All Creatures of our God and King*  
(Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: William Rowland, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

**\*COMMON PRAYER**

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you watch as your children grow up in an unsteady world.  
You know the trouble and hardships our youth face each day.  
May your Holy Spirit give us direction:  
to see that your ways offer more than the ways of the world,  
to believe that following you provides more than our selfish goals.  
Help us to take failure, not as a statement of our worth,  
but as a chance to start over with your smile upon us.  
Give us strength to stand strong in the midst of temptation,  
and guide us in the ways of Jesus Christ,  
that we may live with courage, determination, and trust.  
And because your mercy and welcome are always near at hand,  
may we never stop pursuing a deeper relationship with you.  
In the midst of an ever-changing world, guide and preserve us.  
Amen. (All pray in silence).**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 99**

*My Tribute*

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

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Receiving God's Testimony*

1 John 5:9-13

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

(Schuyler McGinnis: Lay Reader)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Julia Baker

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Celebration Singers, Tiffany Atkinson: Director

**ANTHEM**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Chancel Choir

Josh Harrington: Organist, Interim Choir Director

**SERMON LESSON**

*Peter Receives An Insight From Above*

Matthew 16:16-19

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

**SERMON**

*What Now?*

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

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

**\*HYMN, No. 397**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Bind Us Together*

Josh Harrington: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

### **\*A LITANY FOR CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH SUNDAY**

Phil Saunders

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

### **THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT: CONFIRMATION**

Pages 34ff.

Introduction: *Our Journey of Confirmation*

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

A stole is presented. The sign of the cross is made on the forehead.

A prayer for the filling of the Spirit is offered. A certificate is given.

United Methodist Members Vows

The presentation of a pledge card and envelopes

Ann Meriwether Baker, Haley Scott Barnhart,  
Lucas William Bassett, Bennett Thomas Charles,  
Samuel Brabham Crooks, Rachel Ellesor Holder,  
Layton Gray Logan, Joshua James Robert Sluder,  
Wylan Arthur Radcliffe (to be received next Sunday)

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN No. 405**

*Seek Ye First*

Parents, Mentors Come Forward

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

*Shalom to You*

**\*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Josh Harrington: Organist

The flowers are given to God's glory by Rink Thomas in celebration of her granddaughter Rachel Holder and the confirmation class joining the church.

Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost)

*The Spirit Teaches Jesus*

John 16:4b-15