



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, March 1, 2015
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

2nd Sunday In Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“As Jesus’ followers, we are to speak the truth in love as peacemakers.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ann Baker

PRELUDE

Amy Blackwood: Guest Pianist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Glenn Williams: 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.’”

***HYMN, No. 384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* *A Hymn On Rebirth*
(Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Madalin Radcliffe, Trace Meredith)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Mt. 5:33-42
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our holy and heavenly Father,
your name is be honored and never cheapened.
You are not a joke or a swear word or to be used for our agendas.
You are the one to whom we will give account for every word and deed,
and you have shown your saving power to us in Jesus Christ.
In him you call us to become a new kind of human being,
to speak the truth in love,
and to break the cycles of violence that are all around us.
We have wavered at Jesus and not followed him.
We have dismissed his teaching as impractical and other-worldly.
We have made promises we have not kept,
and our practice of integrity has been highly selective.
We are grateful for another chance to speak the truth together,
and to turn to you for mercy, forgiveness, and a fresh start.
May your Holy Spirit bring to us the full riches of your Son,
that he may free us and win us back to his life-giving ways.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND *Seek God For The City* Suzanne Nicholson: Missions
(Copies of the Lenten prayer guide are available on the altar after the service.)

THE RECOGNITION OF COUNTY LEADERS AND PRAYER FOR THEIR WORK

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Phil Saunders

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Jesus Loves Me and Dono Nobis Pacem*
Tiffany Atkinson: Director

SERMON LESSON *On Truth-Telling And Peace-Making* Matthew 5:33-42
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Going Hard Against The Grain* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Do my promises mean anything?
Am I living out God's peace and radical generosity?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN No. 439** *We Utter Our Cry* A Hymn On Social Holiness

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Amy Blackwood

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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** Musical Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Lomax and Marilyn Murphy, Lee and Mark Robirds,
Pam Faulkner and Lori Thraikill, Suzanne Nicholson and Kit Adkins

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 468** *Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR** Amy Blackwood

Join us for prayer from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel on Thursdays.

The Lenten Pilgrimage is Wednesday here at Main Street UMC.

(Lunch is at 12 noon or 1:00pm. Worship at 12:35pm)

Sunday, March 8 *Loving Like God Loves* Matthew 5:43-48