



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

Sunday, February 22, 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

1st Sunday In Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus teaches men and women to show great respect for one another.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Sam Crooks

PRELUDE

The Spacious Firmament (Haydn)

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, 3 Exhortations from Hebrews 13:1-4

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.

“Let brotherly love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,

for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them;

and those who are ill treated, since you are also in the body.

Let marriage be held in honor among all,

and let the marriage bed be undefiled;

for God will judge the immoral and adulterous.”

***HYMN, No. 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

(Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Ann Baker, Jarrett Smith)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Mt. 5:27-32

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

Almighty God, our holy and heavenly Father,
it is by your great and good design that we are male and female,
and that we equally and together bear your holy image.
You have called us to be faithful in marriage,
which is one of your gifts to the whole human family.
But we have not always lived up to our high calling.
We have winked at immorality in its many forms.
We have treated each other as play things.
We have filled our minds with images that corrode our character,
and we have treated your wisdom as it was unrealistic and out of date.
But when we view the wreckage around us, the pain and the loss,
we know you are right and how foolish and selfish we have become.
Forgive our sins as men and women, for we are all to blame.
Cleanse our hearts of defilement, and restore to us a love of purity.
May love and respect and self-control and joy grow deep between us all.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are hungry to be loved.
May your Spirit draw us close to Jesus Christ and the healing we need.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession of sin. 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* Kit Adkins: Prayer Leader
(Copies of the Lenten prayer guide are available on the altar after the service.)

THE RECOGNITION OF CITY LEADERS AND PRAYER FOR THEIR WORK Pastor Phil

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *God Is The Author Of Marriage* Genesis 2:15-25
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Neal Asman: Lay Reader)

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES IN ITS LITURGIES Back of Scripture Sheet
CHILDREN'S TIME Shell Dula

ANTHEM *To God Be the Glory (Peterson)* Chancel Choir
Josh Harrington: Interim Director

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Takes A Stand Against His Culture* Matthew 5:27-32

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

SERMON *The Heart Of The Matter* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

How do we follow a Jesus who strips away all our excuses?

Am I committed to restoring real respect to all my relationships?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN No. 643** *When Love Is Found*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Near to Thy Heart (Peterson)* Josh Harrington: Organ

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

***A LITANY OF INTERCESSIONS, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONFESSING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

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

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: 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 and in loving memory of "Pop",

Dr. Bill Klauber, by his son John Klauber.

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

The Lenten Pilgrimage is Wednesday at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

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

Sunday, March 1

Going Against The Grain

Matthew 5:33-42