



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

August 23, 2015
Services at 8:30/11:00 am
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

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“To follow Jesus Christ is to find a place in his dangerous mission to the world.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming
(The chapel and altar are open for prayer before the service begins.)

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style (Young)

Steve Driskill: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Revelation 3:5-6

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.**

In the Book of Revelation the prophet John promises,
“He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments,
and I will not blot his name out of the book of life;

I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

**He who has an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

PROCESSION HYMN, No. 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Favorites List

(Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Libby Hartung)

***MUTUAL BLESSING AND COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Matthew 10:17-33

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have called us to follow Jesus Christ,
given us new life in him,
and sent us back into your broken world as his witnesses.
We thank you for the religious freedoms and safety we so richly enjoy.
We cannot imagine what it would mean to suffer for this faith,
to have our fears exposed and our courage tested.
Surround with your sustaining presence those who die today for this faith,
who suffer torture and misery because they are Christian,
who are denied medical help and food because they bear Jesus' name.
We remember fellow believers in Iran and in Iraq and Syria
whose churches are now destroyed and whose pastors are dead.
When threatened with death, may they not turn to Islam;
and when they are ridiculed, may they speak the truth in love.
We have grown soft and indulgent in this land of privilege, O Lord.
We coast on the moral capital of previous generations,
and we are not prepared for the tests and stresses that are to come.
By the power and light of your Holy Spirit,
speak to us as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed.
Restore to us the conviction that this faith is worthy living and dying for.
Amen. (All wait in silence with hearts and minds open to the Lord.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Update

Amanda Scott: Lamb Ministry, Honduras

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

The Six Seals and the Praying Martyrs

Revelation 6:1-17

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

(Ann Landis: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE UM GENERAL RULES, PART 3, "By doing good"

Mary Lynn Polk

Scripture Sheet

ANTHEM *O Living Breath of God* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Music Director

SERMON LESSON *When Mission Meets Resistance* Matthew 10:17-33
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Cost of Loyalty* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Am I a witness to Jesus Christ, or has fear driven me into silence?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 511** *Am I a Soldier of the Cross*
(The altar is open for prayer during this hymn and the offering.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Close to Thee*
(Quartet: Myra Greene, Barb Thompson, Brab Crooks, John McFadden)

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** *Hymnal: 895*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *Hymnal: 34-38*
Ron and Rev. Jean Osborne by transfer from another UM Church

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 469** *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Favorites List

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

***CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672** *God Be With You....* Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands (Bach)* Steve Driskill: Organist

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

Sermon manuscripts are available each Sunday on the stand up front to the left.

Sunday, August 30 *The Peace-Maker Is A Peace-Breaker* Matthew 10:34-43

Main Street UMC is invited to a special "Community Worship"
at Weston Chapel AME on Cambridge this afternoon at 4:00pm
with Rev. Dr. Tony Hopkins of First Baptist as the preacher.