



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, May 24, 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

Pentecost Sunday/ Aldersgate Day

White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit....”

– Ephesians 5:18 –

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Madaline Radcliffe

PRELUDE

Poor, Wayfaring Stranger

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Allie Williams : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Selected Texts On The Holy Spirit

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.

Jesus promised,

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The Apostle Paul declared,

“The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5)

He also commanded,

“Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying,

but test everything; hold fast to what is good,

abstain from every form of evil.” (I Thess. 5:19-22)

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 539** *O Spirit of the Living God*
(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Trace Meredith, Andrew Driver)

***COMMON PRAYER** Based on John 14:15-21, 25-26, 15:7-11

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

**Almighty God, our Father in heaven,
you dwell with the Son and the blessed Holy Spirit
in the perfection and joy of the Holy Trinity.
You have opened your heart of love to the world in Jesus,
and in him your good purposes are clear for all to see.
But you have gone far beyond giving us a Savior and example.
You have sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within each disciple
that we might know you from within
and be constantly reminded of the person and work of your Son.
We thank you that the Spirit alerts us the approach of temptation,
shines light upon the pages of Holy Scripture,
develops the character of Christ within us,
and energizes us for service with his many gifts and graces.
We hunger and thirst for your holy presence, O Lord,
for the light and flame of your Spirit to illumine and surround us again.
Look past our sin and sloth and set your church on fire again.
Amen. (All pray, "Come, Holy Spirit.")**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 393** *Spirit of the Living God*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND *My Mission Trip to Cuba* Mary Dula

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *The Holy Spirit Is For All Jesus' Followers* Acts 2:1-21
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Glenn Williams: Lay Reader)

A READING JOHN WESLEY'S JOURNAL FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 1738

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

ANTHEM

Let All the People Praise Him
Josh Harrington: Organist, Interim Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

John 14:15-21, 25-26; 15:7-11, 26-27; 16:1-4a, 13-15
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SERMON

The Genius Of The Holy Spirit

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Do I understand and welcome the person and work of the Holy Spirit?
Have I grieved and rejected the Spirit's presence? Is my heart hardened?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***INVITATION HYMN, No. 347**

Spirit Song

"May the Holy Spirit fill you, empower you, and set you on fire with divine love."

***CONFESSING THE CHURCH'S FAITH, No. 880**

The Nicene Creed

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Rock of Ages

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING BEFORE VETERAN'S DAY, LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 334**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

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

Josh Harrington: Organist

JOIN US FOR CONNECTION SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:30am Sunday School, 10:30am Joint Worship

Sunday, May 31

Choose The Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:13-20