



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, January 25, 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 **3rd Sunday After the Epiphany** **Color: Green**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“To enter and live under the rule of Jesus and his Spirit is highly disruptive.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Schuyler McGinnis

PRELUDE

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraillkill: 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. 101**

From All That Dwell Below The Skies

(Crucifer: Layton Logan, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Libby Hartung)

***COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Matthew 4:23-5:6

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our holy and heavenly Father,
your good and beautiful creation has been compromised.
Sin and evil and rebellion, chaos and deceit have left nothing untouched.
Yet you sustain the world in its rhythms and seasons,
and you give us new life when we turn to you.
Our hearts are full of delight when goodness and innocence appear,
and our hearts are stabbed with pain when cruelty crushes life.
We dream of a better world, but do not know how to get there.
But you have come down in Jesus to open our eyes and show us the way.
We thank you for his holy life of love,
and all who found healing in his presence.
We are grateful to have his words preserved by his first followers,
that we may meditate upon them and receive your truth.
May your Holy Spirit work deeply within us today,
that we may seek the presence of the crucified and risen Jesus,
and that he may reign over us now and always.
Amen. (All wait upon the Lord in listening and silence.)**

***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 2015

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	<i>Moses On The Mountain</i>	Exodus 24:1-18
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God! (Phil Saunders: Lay Reader)	
*PSALM 1	<i>Walking The Path Of Blessing</i>	<i>Hymnal: 738</i>
CHILDREN'S TIME		Mary Lynn Polk
SERMON LESSON	<i>Blessed Are....</i>	Matthew 4:23-5:6
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	<i>The Way Up Is The Way Down</i>	Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
	Do I resist God's work of creating an empty space within me?	

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN No. 463	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i> (The altar is open for prayer during this hymn.)	
GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
ANTHEM	<i>Who At My Door is Standing (Scott)</i>	Chancel Choir
	Josh Harrington: Organist, Interim Director	
*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
*PRAYER OF THANKS AND LORD'S PRAYER		

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 273	<i>Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands</i>	
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666	<i>Shalom to You</i>	
*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!		Josh Harrington: Organist
	The flowers are given to God's glory and in celebration of Chuck Drake's 85 th birthday (Jan. 26) by his family. Join us for prayer from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel on Thursdays.	

Sunday, February 1 *What Making A Difference Looks Like* Matthew 5:7-10