

Sunday, July 26, 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 9th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am

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*Stand as able A nursery is provided. Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"The Living Jesus is fully able to press his case and to call people to himself."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE TRINITY CHIME CALL TO WORSHIP

Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming Schuyler McGinnis I Am Not Alone Josh Harrington: Solo

WELCOME AND SILENCE Peggy Ackerman: 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."

PROCESSION HYMN, No. 715 Rejoice, the Lord is King (Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Ann Baker, William Rowland)

*MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you for the stories of those who first followed Jesus,
especially Matthew the tax collector who reached others just like himself.
Save your church from being the fellowship of the respectable,
the predictable, the satisfied and the safe.

Drench us in the new wine of the Holy Spirit,

that we may be a place of joy and of healing because the Great Physician is in our midst.

May mercy be our banner and love our greatest weapon.

Do something new in our midst, O Lord,

something that will startle our friends and give us a witness as a people who love you with abandon

and your broken, crazy, wonderful world with holy passion.

And may the prayers of this church's founders be fulfilled in us.

Amen. (Silence is kept for listening and openness to the Spirit's gifts.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70 Glory Be to the Father
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND A Dream Iris Carolina Escobar, Kathy Kelly

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture Sheet

ANTHEM Festival Sanctus (Leavitt) Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Music Director

SERMON LESSON Jesus Defends His Friends Matthew 9:9-17

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

SERMON The Disruptive Call Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Am I a disciple, a follower, a student, an apprentice of Jesus Christ? Who in my network of life does he want to reach through me?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

*HYMN, No. 398 Jesus Calls Us

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Lord's Prayer with Lead Us, Lord (arr. Fettke) Chancel Choir

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

*THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

U.M. Hymnal: 33-39

To be baptized on confession of faith and received as professing members:

Dr. James and Paige Plampin

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION Dr. Jon Bassett: SPRC Member

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 451 Be Thou My Vision

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!

Josh Harrington: Organist

The flowers are in given by the Alexander family in loving honor of the Main Street family for being by our side during Steve's illness.

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 2 Who's In Charge Here? Matthew 9:18-38