



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

Sunday, March 29, 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 **6th Sunday In Lent/ Palm Sunday** **Color: Purple**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“We stand at the gate of Holy Week. Enter with care and prayer.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LAWN FOR THE PROCESSION

(Those who are able gather outside, weather permitting!)

Order of procession: crucifer, acolytes, laity, choir, pastor

TRINITY CHIME, CHIMING OF THE TOWER BELL

Trace Meredith

***THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

John 12:12-19

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

(Myra Greene: Lay Reader)

***PROCESSION WITH PALMS, No. 278**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Crucifer: Hampton Warner, Acolytes: Jarratt Smith, Rebekah Lomax

Lay your palms at the altar rail, then take your seats by the side aisles.

ANTHEM *Procession and Hymn for Palm Sunday (Courtney)* Chancel Choir

Celebration Choir, Tiffany Atkinson: Director, Amy Blackwood: Pianist

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, John 12:13

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.

“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna,

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel.’”**

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on John 19:31-42

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

**Almighty God, our holy, heavenly Father,
it is this day that marks the final week of Jesus' life before he was lifted up,
first on a cruel cross,
then in a mighty resurrection from the dead.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us now,
that this week we may trace his path and find new life.
Forgive our cruelties to one another in gossip and fault-finding.
Forgive our acts of cowardice when have not stood up and spoken up.
Save us from the shame of being secret disciples,
and may never be embarrassed to be known as followers of Jesus.
Speak to us now as we stand before you in silence and worship.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. 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

Pastor Phil: Prayer Team

THE RECOGNITION OF AND PRAYER FOR LEADERS IN EDUCATION

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Myra Greene

SERMON LESSON

Jesus Post-Mortem

John 19:31-42

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SERMON

What Happened To The Corpse?

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Why is it important that the dead body of Jesus was never out of sight?

The death of Jesus was *for me*. What response am I to make?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN No. 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Passion and Death

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lift the Palms (Page)* Chancel Choir

Amy Blackwood: Pianist, Josh Harrington: Interim Director

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

***THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER**

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *Hymnal: 34-35, 38*

Stephen and Brandi Davis by transfer.

Joel and Katie Nordstrom by transfer.

SENDING FORTH

***CHORUS, No. 300** *O, the Lamb*

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

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR** Josh Harrington: Organist

"WALKING WITH CHRIST" 2015

DAILY READINGS FROM JOHN'S PASSION NARRATIVE

- Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29 John 18:1-14
- Monday, March 30 John 18:15-24
- Tuesday, March 31 John 18:25-32
- Wednesday, April 1 John 18:33-40
- Maundy Thursday, April 2 John 19:1-22
- Good Friday, April 3 John 19:23-37
- Holy Saturday, April 4 John 19:38-42
- Easter Sunday, April 5 John 20:1-18

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 2 at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Passion Service April 3 at 7:00 pm
- Easter Morning Services April 5, 8:30 am, 11:00 am

A MAIN STREET UMC EASTER TRADITION

You are invited to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday morning to adorn a cross in front of the church. Come early enough to have your flowers added and a picture taken with family and friends. Bring your own camera; helpers will be present to take the picture for you. On Easter Sunday the barren cross of Good Friday will be garlanded with spring flowers as a witness to the glory of Jesus' resurrection.