



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, May 3, 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

5th Sunday of Easter

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“When Jesus lets us see as he sees,
the world is full of abundance and God’s amazing generosity.”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE Amy Blackwell: Guest Pianist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Kit Adkins : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Blessing and honor, dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 133** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
(Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Ann Baker)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Matthew 6:19-24

Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.

It's the Lord's table!
Do you?
Are you?
Will you?
Honesty!

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

**Almighty and Holy God, our heavenly Father,
we sinners look for security in all the wrong places:
in the accumulation of wealth and power beyond our needs,
in jockeying with one another for status and privilege,
and in going with the flow of whatever is popular in our day.
We have forgotten that we are mortal,
and that we will soon stand before you to give an account.
Have mercy upon us all in the forgiveness of our sins.
Open our eyes by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may see through Jesus' eyes and live in light of your kingdom.
Grant us the gifts of deep repentance and fresh hope,
and may your grace and generosity be reflected in our own.
Amen.** (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 99**

My Tribute

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Honduras Comes To Greenwood!

Kathy Kelly

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING

The Book of Discipline 2012: 74

The U.M. Confession of Faith, Article XV: The Christian and Property

"We believe God is the owner of all things and that the individual holding of property is lawful and is a sacred trust under God. Private property is to be used for the manifestation of Christian love and liberality, and to support the Church's mission in the world. All forms of property, whether private, corporate or public, are to be held in solemn trust and used responsibly for human good under the sovereignty of God."

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Myra Greene

SERMON LESSON *Avoiding A Cheap Spirit* Matthew 6:19-24
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Investment Strategies* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Are the lights on in my heart?
Where could I simplify and de-accumulate for the sake of Christ's mission?
Have I found the freedom of generosity?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 399** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
(The altar is open for prayer for all during this hymn and during the offering.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Amy Blackwell: Guest Pianist

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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** Musical Setting B: 18-20
(The Great Thanksgiving covers the same Trinitarian story as the Great Creeds!)

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Lori Thraikill & Kathy Kelly, Pam Faulkner & Ann Landis,
Richard & Susan Pinckney, David & Jeanie Patterson
(Music during communion: Amy Blackwell: Piano, Rhonda McGinnis: Flute)

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 663** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!** Amy Blackwell: Guest Pianist
The rosebud is given in honor of Warren Campbell Smith,
son of Granger and Stephanie Smith, born on April 27, 2015.

Join us for the 2015 National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7!

May 10, 2015 *Coming to Terms with Fear* Matthew 6:25-34