



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

Sunday, April 5, 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 **Easter/ Resurrection of the Lord** **Color: White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus’ resurrection is God’s promise a whole new world is on the way!”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Richie Pinckney

PRELUDE *Highland Cathedral* Cassidy Jarrett: Bagpipes

WELCOME AND SILENCE Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraillkill: 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. 302** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Stanzas 1-4
(Crucifer: Sam Crooks, Acolytes: Ann Baker, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

ANTHEM *Resurrection (Curry)* Chancel Choir
(Amy Blackwood: Pianist, John Harrington: Interim Director)

***COMMON PRAYER** Based on John 20:1-18

The risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**O God our Father, you are our light, our beauty, and our life.
the kingdom of darkness has been shaken,
and death is marked for final destruction.**

**You have served the world notice that Jesus is Lord of all
by raising him from the dead and vindicating all that he was.
What you began in him, continue in us your church,
that adorned with the gifts and powers of the Holy Spirit,
we may bear witness to the freedom of sins forgiven,
to the joy of a life of love and service,
and to the re-creation of all you have made.**

Make of us a mission station and a colony of your kingdom.

In the mighty name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

we declare his victory over all the forces of evil and death.

Hallelujah and Amen! (All pray in silence, listening for his voice.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 83**

Gloria in Excelsis

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

The Earliest Easter Creed

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(Formulated by the Jerusalem apostles, likely with a year of the resurrection.)

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

(Phil Saunders: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly: Program Director

WHAT THE U.M CHURCH TEACHES ON JESUS' RESURRECTION *Discipline 2012: 64*

The Articles of Religion, Article III: Of the Resurrection of Christ

“Christ did *truly* rise again from the dead, and *took again his body*, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.”

SERMON LESSON *Strange Events At An Empty Tomb* John 20:1-18
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Primary Evidences* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What does it mean to follow a living Jesus who messes with his followers?
Might it be a grand, unpredictable adventure of trust and obedience?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 322** *Up from the Grave He Arose*

***PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH & GOD'S WORLD**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Easter Triumph (Hayes)* Chancel Choir
Amy Blackwood: Pianist, Josh Harrington: Interim Director

***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: Shell & Mary Dula, Joey & Lindsay Burns,
Jon & Lori Bassett, Glenn & Allie Williams

SENDING FORTH

***A MAIN STREET TRADITION** *Hallelujah Chorus (Handel)* Copies in your pew

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

***RECESSIONAL** *Gift of Love* Cassidy Jarrett: Bagpipes
(Remain in your places till Cassidy exits. She will continue to play outside.)

Pastor Phil's book *Resurrection* (a year old this week!) may be purchased at the ramp side of the sanctuary. All profits go to the MSUMC missions committee.

Sunday, April 12 *Using The Tools* John 20:19-31
Go watch the video "Resurrection" by N.T Wright at YouTube. It's excellent!