



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, July 5, 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

11:00am

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

The Sunday after U.S. Independence Day

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“We believe faithful, civic life is a part of Christian discipleship in a free country.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Trace Meredith

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Marilyn Murphy: Lay Leader

(Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel)

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Galatians 6:7-10

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.

Paul wrote to his friends in Galatia a warning and a promise,

“Do not be deceived; God is not mocked,

for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption;

but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

And let us not grow weary in well-doing,

for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,

and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 698**

God of the Ages

(Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolytes: Trace Meredith, Andrew Driver)

+MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
before whom the nations rise and fall,
we give you thanks for the great dream that gave our nation birth
and that you are named in our Constitution as the author of our rights.
We are grateful for churches that are faithful to Holy Scripture,
and we ask to be numbered among them all our days.
Yet we are neither the believers nor citizens you call us to be.
We beg you to stay your hand of righteous judgment.
Raise up prophets to prick the conscience of your people.
Loose the Spirit of holiness and neighborly love into our midst,
that we, your church, may be a true alternative society,
point our fellow citizens to the lordship of Jesus Christ
and to holy lives of service, love, and self-control.
Restore to us the fear and respect we have lost for your good ways.
Amen. (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

What God Requires

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

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

UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE ON OUR NATION

Articles of Religion, Article XXII: Of the Rulers of the United States of America

“The President, the Congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state, as the delegates of the people, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States and by the constitutions of their respective states. And the said states are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.”

Confession of Faith, Article XVI: Civil Government

"We believe civil government derives its just powers from the sovereign God. As Christians we recognize the governments under whose protection we reside and believe such governments should be based on, and be responsible for, the recognition of human rights under God. We believe war and bloodshed are contrary to the gospel and spirit of Christ. We believe it is the duty of Christian citizens to give moral strength and purpose to their respective governments through sober, righteous and godly living."

CHILDREN'S TIME

Myra Greene

ANTHEM

From Sea to Shining Sea
John McFadden: Our New Choir Director!

Chancel Choir

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER

Marilyn Murphy: Lay Leader

SERMON LESSON

Do You Want To Be Healed?
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

John 5:1-8

SERMON

In Search of God's Grace: A Journey of Hope

Rev. Ken Kelly

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 591**

Rescue the Perishing

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Reflection

Steve Driskill: Organist

(Steve, a new member of Main St. who is in an ongoing battle with cancer, dedicates this piece to God's glory and to the nine martyrs of Charleston.)

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 697**

America

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Rev. Ken Kelly

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Josh Harrington: Organist

Join us for prayer on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Sunday, July 12

Outside the Comfort Zone

Matthew 8:18-27