



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

September 6, 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

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

"The Holy Spirit works to open our minds and hearts to divine revelation."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE *Exultate (D. Gawthorp)*

Emily Wallace: Guest Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Ps. 20:1-3, 7-9

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.

As we approach the fourteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001,
let us remember where strength and hope are found.

"The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from his sanctuary,

and give you support from Zion!

May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

Some may trust in chariots, and some in horses,

but we will boast of the name of the Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall; but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord, answer us when we call."

PROCESSION HYMN, No. 698

God of the Ages

(Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Ann Baker, Jarrett Smith)

***COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Matthew 11:2-16

Christ our Lord invites to his table	It's the Lord's table!
all who love him,	Do you?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Will you?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Honesty!
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:	

**Almighty God, our holy, heavenly Father,
because of the abundance of your revelation, we are without excuse.
You have created all from nothing as a witness to your power and beauty.
You have made us in your image with hearts that yearn for more.
You have raised up your people the Jews to tell your story,
and you have revealed your heart and mind to the world in Jesus Christ.
You have established your church among the nations
and given us the Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures as our guides.
And if we do not see you, and if we do not love and follow you,
it is because we have grown willfully blind and deaf.
Soften the hearts that have grown hard to the touch of divine love.
Come near to us in mercy and in forgiveness and in a fresh awakening.
Shake us loose from the habits of sin,
and visit us with the gift of deep repentance.
How can we survive unless you open the heavens and come down?
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

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shell Dula

ANTHEM

Gather by the River to Pray
John McFadden: Music Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

Jesus Defends A Colleague Matthew 10:2-16
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Shoulders On Which We Stand* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Am I one who easily spots good and offers praise and encouragement?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 710** *Faith of our Fathers*
(The altar is open for prayer during this hymn and the litany.)

***A LITANY BEFORE THE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACK**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *When In Deepest Need (Bach)* Emily Wallace: Guest Organist

***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: Richard & Susan Pinckney, Pam Faulkner & Toby Chappell, Ann Landis
& Albert Dukes, David & Jeannie Patterson, Table Assistant: John McFadden)

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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

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

***POSTLUDE** *Westminster Carillon (L. Vierne)* Emily Wallace : Guest Organist

The flowers are given by C.J. and Vera Lupo to the glory of God
and in honor of their wedding anniversary on September 7.

The rosebud is in honor of the birth of Margaret Maier West,
daughter of Matt and Fran McCutcheon West, born August 16, 2015

Please join us for prayer in the chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 13

Heavy Burden, Easy Yoke

Matthew 11:20-30