



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

Sunday, March 8, 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

3rd Sunday In Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"It is easy enough to be friendly with ones friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business."

-Gandi's comment on the teaching of Jesus-

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Claire Leuthner-Barrineau

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art (arr. Dino)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, 1 John 4:7-12 (RSV)

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.**

John, the Apostle of love, wrote to the churches under his care:

"Beloved, let us love one another;

for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God.

He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,

**that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.**

In this is love, not that we loved God

but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No man has ever seen God;

if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."

***HYMN, No. 75** *All People That on Earth do Dwell* A Hymn Of Praise
(Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey, Acolytes: Claire Leuthner Barrineau, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Mt. 5:43-48

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose love is the source of all that is good,
look with mercy upon those gathered here.
In Jesus Christ you have called us to grow in love,
but we have lived in small circles of comfort.
We have not prayed for our enemies,
and we have not believed they could become our friends.
Forgive us; free us and remake us.
By the light of your Holy Spirit,
give us new vision to see all people through your eyes,
and to believe that love is not weak but stronger than all evil.
Amen.** (Silence 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* Glenn Williams: Prayer Team
(Copies of the Lenten prayer guide are available on the altar after the service.)

THE RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND PRAYER FOR THEIR WORK

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *The Character Of A Holy People* Leviticus 19:1-18
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Rhonda McGinnis: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

ANTHEM *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is (Schweizer)* Chancel Choir
Josh Harrington: Interim Music Director

U.M. TEACHING ON SANCTIFICATION & CHRISTIAN PERFECTION Scripture Sheet

SERMON LESSON *Love Your Enemies* Matthew 5:43-48

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

SERMON *Family Likeness?* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What must change to create space in my heart for God's love to fill me?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN No. 408** *The Gift of Love* On Sanctifying and Perfecting Grace

SILENCE AND PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE

"Come Holy Spirit, and melt our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ."

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Aberystwyth (Near)* Josh Harrington: Organ

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

***THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

***CONFESSING THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 468** *Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See*

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

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

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

The flowers are given in memory of Dr. A. T. Jamison, Pastor and Superintendent of Connie Maxwell from 1900 -1947, for his 150th birthday on March 5 by Robert Jamison Tinsley and family.

The rosebuds are given in honor of the births of Owen Patrick Kelly born on February 26, 2015 and Mills Reese Anderson born on March 1, 2015. Owen is the son of Patrick and Lauren Kelly and Mills is the daughter of Jay Anderson and Linsey Wilson.

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

The Lenten Pilgrimage is Wednesday is at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church
(Lunch is at 12 noon or 1:00 pm. Worship at 12:35 pm)

Sunday, March 15

Discipline 1: Secret Giving

Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18