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 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

8:30/11:00 am  
[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Green

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“Six things you know about every human being:**

**1) They have a sin nature, 2) a rebel heart, 3) a death destiny, 4) a real enemy, 5) a troubled conscience, and 6) a desperate need for Jesus Christ.”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Ella Bassett

(Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Stuart Driver: Sound Operator)

**PRELUDE** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling (arr. Hyzer)*

Emily Wallace: Piano

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Law of God

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!**

The law of God is holy and just; it reveals to us our folly and our sin.

“God spoke from the mountain and said:

‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me’.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

**\*HYMN, No. 359**

*“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”*

Crucifer: Joe Hartung, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Libby Hartung

**+COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

**Almighty and Living God, our heavenly Father:**

**we are all the children our first parents, Adam and Eve,  
but we have never known a perfect world, only dreamed of it.  
We thank you for moments of joy and beauty and meaning,  
when it seems that all is right with us and the world.**

**But then another world crashes in to spoil the party.**

**We ignore you, violate your commands, and live like rebels.**

**We cooperate with forces that diminish us and destroy others.**

**We push you aside and ask the world to revolve around us.**

**We are a deep contradiction and cannot repair the damage.**

**Sin and Death and Evil are our companions,**

**and the havoc they bring is all through us and all around us.**

**Had you not lit a candle in Jesus Christ, we would remain in darkness.**

**Had he not lived a perfect life of love, we would not know your plan.**

**Had he not freely suffered on our behalf, we would have no hope.**

**We are not good or wise or unstained, but we are yours, O Lord.**

**So visit us with forgiveness and cleansing, with mercy and new life.**

**Amen.** (All pray in silence. Good news is announced.)

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

*Glory Be to the Father*

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*The Day of Departure From Bliss*

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-24

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

(Mark Robirds: Lay Reader)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lisa Smith, Mary Lynn Polk

**ANTHEM**

*Consecration (Hatfield)*  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organ

Chancel Choir

**SERMON LESSON**

*What's Wrong With Our World?*  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Romans 5:12-25

**SERMON**

*God's Amazing Rescue Plan*  
Do I see the big and wonderful thing God has done in Jesus Christ?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

**SILENCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD****\*HYMN, No. 292**

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*

The altar is open for prayer during this hymn and the following prayers.

**\*CONFESSING THE FAITH, No. 881**

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY**

*Offertory (Guilmant)*

Emily Wallace: Organ

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*A LITANY, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN, No. 341**

*I Sought the Lord*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Adagio for Strings (Barber)*

Emily Wallace: Organ

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Clyde Garren by his family.

Join us for prayer on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.  
(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)