



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

February 21, 2016
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

2nd Sunday in Lent

Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“Losing your first love is dangerous in a marriage and in a church.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Layton Logan

PRELUDE

Oh, How Majestic

Children's Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Ten Commandments

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.

“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.”

“Jesus said, ‘The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 172**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Crucifer: Layton Logan, Acolytes: Tucker Meredith, Trace Meredith

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Revelation 2:1-7

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

**Almighty God, our Father in heaven,
we thank you for placing this congregation in this city.
You know where we are faithful and strong,
and you know where we are unfaithful and compromised.
Let the truths of Holy Scripture ring from pulpit and classroom.
Give us energy and endurance to carry out the good works
you have appointed for us in Greenwood and beyond our borders.
But above all else and before all else,
make of us a people who are never ashamed
to confess that we love Jesus your Son from the heart.
And may the Holy Spirit, who brings all the riches of Christ near,
be our teacher and companion today.
Warm our hearts with the fires of heaven.
Amen.** (All wait before the Lord in listening prayer.)

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

Glory Be to the Father

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Rosemary Bell: Greater Greenwood United Ministry

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

ANTHEM *Sweet Beulah Land (Parsons, arr. Kirkland)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON *To the Church at Ephesus* Revelation 2:1-7
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Every Church Needs A Cat-Scan* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
Is there a chance I have lost my first love for Christ and his people?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD, A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

“O Lord, kindle a flame of love upon the altar of my heart,
that I may see myself and others through your eyes. Amen.”

***HYMN No. 453** *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
(The communion rail is open for prayer during the silence and the hymn.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Priceless Treasure (J.S. Bach)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

***THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER**

***CONFESSING THE FAITH:** *The Apostles’ Creed* *Hymnal: 881*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 560** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE** *Aria (Manz)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

Sermon manuscripts are available on the stand up front after the service.

Lenten luncheon, Wed. Feb.10: 12:00 meal, 12:30 worship, 1:00 meal

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

MSUM evening Ash Wednesday service, 5:45-6:15pm

Bible study, Wed. Feb. 24, @6:00-7:00pm. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Sun. Feb. 28 *Two Challenging Churches* Revelation 2:8-17