



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

April 24, 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

5th Sunday of Easter

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus calls for your trust because of the evidence he gives.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Ella Bassett
(Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Sound Engineer: Stuart Driver)

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount (arr. Burkhardt)* Emily Wallace: Organ

WELCOME AND SILENCE Glenn Williams: Asst. Lay Leader

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Blessing and honor, dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 158** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Hannah Crooks, Richie Pinckney)

***MUTUAL BLESSING AND COMMON PRAYER** Based on John 9:35-41

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
in the face of Jesus the Son we see your compassion,
in the power of Jesus we feel your Holy Spirit,
in the teaching of Jesus we hear your voice,
and in the suffering of Jesus we see how great is your love for sinners.
We thank you for the four gospels
where the life of the Savior is displayed before all the world.
But we are dull of hearing and hard of heart,
and we need both light from above and a preacher to help us.
So as the Scriptures are opened and read in our hearing,
open our eyes that we may see,
illumine our minds that we may understand,
stir our hearts that we may hunger for more,
and move our wills in the direction of obedience.
We present ourselves before you as a congregation,
and we ask the honor of your holy presence.
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer and listening.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

ANTHEM

All of Our Praise

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Debbie McFadden: Soloist

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER

Glenn Williams: Asst. Lay Leader

SERMON LESSON

Jesus Demands An Answer

John 9:35-41

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

SERMON

So What?

Rev. John McFadden

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

