



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**January 24, 2016**  
**Services at 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Green

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“Each Sunday is a spiritual detox program.**

**We turn away from our idols and face the Living and Holy God in worship.”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Layton Logan

**PRELUDE**

*Save the People*

*Cast of Godspell*

Director: Ryan Hewitt, Music Director: Amy Blackwood,

Cast: Phil Saunders, Ryan Ball, Sabrina Cook, Tiffany Atkinson Juliana Morris,

Ben Bagwell, Anna Lyle, Schandell Brooks, Tessa Moody, Chaz Giles

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Ten Commandments of God

Ann Landis: Lay Reader

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."**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 103**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Crucifer: Jay Logan, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Claire Leuthner Barrineau

**\*MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON**      Based on Romans 1:18-32  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
it is in Holy Scripture that you tell us the truth,  
and by your Holy Spirit that you pierce our hearts with sorrow.  
We have given our love and our loyalty to many things,  
and we have forgotten to center our affection and praise in You.  
Our hearts are full of idols, and we continue to create new ones.  
We foolishly dream that wealth or power or pleasure or status will fill us up,  
but all they do is leave us empty and bewildered.  
Forgive us for ignoring your truth written in our hearts,  
for closing our eyes to your mighty hand in creation,  
and for not surrendering all that we are to the wisdom of Jesus Christ.  
Open our eyes to the wreckage of sin that is around us and in us all,  
that we may own our common illness and seek your healing.  
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**  
**A WORD OF PERSONAL WITNESS**      Bill Klauber: Choir Member

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Myra Greene  
**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      *Disciple Bible Study*      Glenn Williams

**ANTHEM**      *At the Cross (arr. Berry)*      Chancel Choir  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

**A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE**     *The Book of Discipline 2012: 72*

**The Confession of Faith, Article VII: Sin and Free Will**

“**We believe** human beings are fallen from righteousness and, apart from the *grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ, are destitute of holiness and inclined to evil. ‘ Except a man or woman be born again, they cannot see the Kingdom of God’ (Jn. 3:3). In their own strength, without divine *grace*, humans cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God. **We believe**, however, that man and woman, influenced and empowered by the Holy Spirit are responsible in freedom to exercise their will for good.”(Edited for inclusion)  
**(Consider discussing this sobering church teaching over your lunch today!)**

**SERMON LESSON**     *Dr. Paul Diagnoses Pagan Idolatry*     Romans 1:18-32

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

**SERMON**     *You Become What You Worship*     Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD, A PRAYER FOR IDOLATERS**

“I offer myself in worship, and just as I am, to you Lord Jesus.  
Expose every idol, that I may repent and, with your aid, tear it down,  
that you may have the whole of me forever. Amen.”

**\*HYMN No. 92**     *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**     *Day by Day*     Godspell Cast

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD’S PRAYER**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 362**     *Nothing but the Blood*

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE**     *Preludium in A (J.S. Bach)*     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.

Bible study, Wed. Jan. 27 @6:00 pm . . . . . 1 Corinthians 1:14-2:5

Sun. Jan. 31     *The God Who Judges Impartially*     Romans 2:1-11

Godspell is at the Greenwood Community Theatre Feb.19-28