



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

September 25, 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

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

(Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Joey Burns: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE

Joy Song (Hayes)

Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Our Culture Vs. The Scripture (Tim Keller)

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.

The culture says, "You don't need to believe in God to have a full life of meaning, hope, and satisfaction."

But the Psalmist writes,

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'"

(Ps. 14:1)

Many say, "You should be free to live as you see fit, as long as you don't harm others."

But Paul wrote, "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

(Gal. 6:7)

On TV we hear, "You become yourself when you are true to your deepest desires and dreams."

(Mt. 16:26)

But Jesus said, "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?"

How often we hear the skeptics say, "There's little or no evidence for the existence of God or the truth of Christianity."

But Paul wrote, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has showed it to them." (Rom. 1:19)

***HYMN, No. 575**

Onward Christian Soldiers

Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Claire Leuthner Barrineau, Daniel Leuthner Barrineau

+COMMON PRAYER

Based on Romans 6:1-14

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

**Almighty and Living God, our heavenly Father:
you have revealed yourself in the grand design of creation,
in the moral law written within,
and most clearly in the whole of who Jesus Christ was and is.
There is no excuse not to seek you and to find you
and to take up the struggle against the fallen powers of this world.
There is violence in the streets.
There is the slander and half truths of a bitter political campaign.
Your people are divided on what to believe and how to behave.
We wonder if we have lost our way and offended you,
and when you will come to us again in a wave of revival.
So draw near to us today in the power of your Holy Spirit,
near enough to be felt and known,
near enough to give fresh courage and endurance.
Open the heavens and fill our feeble worship with your holy love.
Amen. (All wait before the Lord in silence.)**

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

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT

Only be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:1-10

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

(Hazel Bennett: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

3rd Grade Bible Recipients

Noah Davis, Evan Lawrence, Addison Leopard, Daniel Leuthner-Barrineau,
Witt Smith, Olivia Sprouse

Acolyte Recognition

Daniel Leuthner-Barrineau, Morgana McKee, Richie Pinckney,
Sanders Rogers, Witt Smith

Crucifer Recognition

Keaton Alexander, Ann Baker, Julia Baker, Claire Leuthner-Barrineau, Lucas Bassett, Bob Bennett, Bennett Charles, Joe Hartung, Libby Hartung, Layton Logan, Cecilia McGinnis, Vivi Joy Pinckney, Madalin Radcliffe, Wylan Radcliffe, Marisa Rogers

ANTHEM

I Put My Hope In You (Berry)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organ

SERMON LESSON

Why The Battle With Sin?

Romans 6:1-14

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

SERMON

Who's Running Your Life?

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Have you joined Jesus in the battle against all that is low and wicked in your life?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 513**

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

***OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Thanks Be to Thee (Handel)

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. 514**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude in G (Stanford)

Emily Wallace: Organ

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

(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)