



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

March 27, 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 **Easter/ Resurrection of the Lord** **Color: White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus’ resurrection is a sneak preview of the full effects of God’s kingdom.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

(Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Sound Engineer: Jim Kelly)

PRELUDE

Toccata in Seven (Rutter)

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***THE DISCOVERY OF THE EMPTY TOMB**

Matthew 28:1-10

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

(Howard Thomes: Lay Reader)

***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. 302**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Stanzas 1-4

(Crucifer: Lucas Bassett, Acolytes: Richie Pinckney, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

***MUTUAL BLESSING AND COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
when the world had done its worst to Jesus on Friday,
you did your best on Sunday in a mighty resurrection from the dead.
The whole of his life is now bathed in your light.
We are grateful for four gospels which tell his story,
and for the many witnesses to whom he appeared.
For Mary Magdalene, who was the first to see him alive;
for Peter and the others who needed the forgiveness he freely offered,
and for Paul the persecutor who was stopped on the way to Damascus,
we give you thanks for the hope you have given the world.
The tomb is empty because the body is gone.
The tomb is empty because his cold corpse has been transformed.
The tomb is empty because Jesus is victor over sin and death and evil.
Rule over us, O Lord, and may the winds of your Spirit blow across us.
Fill us with the joy and surprise of that first Easter morning,
that we may know and follow the risen Lord all our days.
Hallelujah! Amen. (All pray in silence.)**

ANTHEM

Resurrection (Curry)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist, Tyler South: Trumpet

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

WHAT THE U.M CHURCH TEACHES ON JESUS' RESURRECTION *Discipline 2012: 64*

The Articles of Religion, Article III: Of the Resurrection of Christ

"Christ did *truly* rise again from the dead, **Not a pious myth or fantasy**
and *took again his body,* **Jesus' corpse was filled with divine life**
with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, **Totality**
wherewith he ascended into heaven, **End of appearances**
and there sitteth **Return to rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit**
until he return to judge all men/women at the last day." **All will face him**

SERMON LESSON *The Earliest Resurrection Creed* 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Digging Down To Bedrock* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What does it mean that the Jesus of history is alive and calling me to seek him?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 322** *Up from the Grave He Arose*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hallelujah, Christ Has Risen (Lantz III)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist, Tyler South: Trumpet

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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** Musical Setting B: 18 - 20
(The Great Thanksgiving covers the same Trinitarian story as the Great Creeds!)

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave.
Servers: Jeannie & David Patterson, Ann & Charlie West, John & Susan
Thompson, Jim & Kathy Kelly, Table Assistant: John McFadden

ANTHEM *Beautiful City* Phil Saunders: Solo

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 310** *He Lives!*

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

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

***POSTLUDE** *Hallelujah Has Been Restored (Locklair)* Emily Wallace: Organist

ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR THE SICK AT THE ALTAR

Rather than Good Friday, the church office will be closed Monday 3/28.

There will be no supper or evening programming on Wednesday 3/30
and no evening prayer meeting on Thursday 4/1.

Sunday, April 3, 2016 *Good Table Manners* 1 Corinthians 11:17-34