



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**February 28, 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 in Lent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

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“The church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time  
for the conduct of worship

and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments,

the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline,

the building up of believers, and the conversion of the world.

All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace it alone supplies.”

*(The U.M. Book of Worship, 1989: 106)*

## ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Ella Bassett

**PRELUDE**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* (arr. Shackley)

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Piano

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 98 (selected)

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.**

“O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory....**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 126**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Hannah Crooks

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON**      Based on Revelation 2:8-17

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

**We are yours, O Heavenly Father.  
You have delivered us out of the kingdom of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your dear Son Jesus.  
In faithfulness and negligence, we are yours.  
In wisdom and in foolishness, we are yours.  
When our witness is courageous,  
and when we cower in fear before the world, we are yours.  
And since we belong to you,  
speak to us in Holy Scripture, and send your Holy Spirit upon us.  
Wake us from the deadly slumber of our sins.  
Make us a vigilant people, eager to follow all your ways.  
You are good, and you are love, and you are strong and true,  
and your church is hungry for your presence.  
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**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      Leslie Crisp: Hopewood Haven

**MUD PIES CHILDREN**      Mrs. Elizabeth, Miss Julia Kate, Mrs. Townsend  
Mud-Pies Pledge  
Songs: "Good Morning, Lord," "God Is So Good," "Go Now In Peace"

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Myra Greene

**ANTHEM**      *The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord* (Sager, Foster)      Chancel Choir  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

**SERMON LESSON**      *Cat-scan Of The Church At Smyrna*      Revelation 2:8-11  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Postcard To A Church Under Pressure*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**Possible Action Steps:**

- 1) Read a book on the persecuted church in Iraq, Syria, or China. Become an advocate.
- 2) Study what the Scripture teaches on personal evil and spiritual warfare.
- 3) Come to our prayer meeting one Thursday evening!

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**SILENCE AND REFLECTION, A PRAYER FOR COURAGE**

“Lord Jesus, you know all who have chosen to suffer rather than deny you.  
 Give me the courage to be a bold witness in my life and with my words.  
 Put me in situations that stretch my trust in you. Amen.”

**\*HYMN No. 511**

*Am I a Soldier of the Cross*

(The communion rail is open for prayer during the silence and the hymn.)

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*If You But Suffer God To Guide Thee*

Emily Wallace: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**AN ANNOUNCEMENT**

David Patterson: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 514**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672**

*God Be With You...*

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia in G Minor (J.S. Bach)*

Emily Wallace: Organist

**The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Workman family.**

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. March 2: 12:00 meal, 12:30 worship, 1:00 meal**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church**

Bible study, Wed. March 3 @6:00-7:00pm. . . . . 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Sun. March 6 *What Not To Tolerate* Revelation 2:12-17