



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

July 3, 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

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

The Sunday Before U.S. Independence Day

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“We believe faithful, civic life is a part of our Christian discipleship.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

(Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Jeff Smith: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Troop 911 Boy Scout Color Guard

**“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

ANTHEM

Salute to the Armed Forces (arr. Kirkland)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director

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***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 33:12, 16, 20

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.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

A king is not saved by his great army;

a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.”

***HYMN No. 698**

God of the Ages

Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Hannah Crooks, William Rowland

+COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Based on Romans 13:1-7

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you are good and just, holy and full of love for all the nations.
You restrain evil and call us to live in peace with one another.
We thank you for the land in which we live with all its privileges.
But we have not lived up to the high call of Christian citizenship.
We have complained before we have prayed.
We have retreated into private and ignored the common good.
We have not stood and spoken when your good law was mocked,
and were you to bring judgment upon us, it is well deserved.
But we ask you to stay your hand and extend your mercy once more.
Forgive our sins of omission and commission, for they are many.
Kindle in our hearts a fresh love for Jesus Christ who is our great hope,
and may we live such lives of service that others are drawn to him.
We love our country, O Lord, but we love you more,
and we offer ourselves, one and all, for your service.
Amen.** (Silent is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

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

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

What God Requires

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

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

(Jim Briggs: Veteran)

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON OUR COUNTRY

Articles of Religion, Article XXII: Of the Rulers of the United States of America

“The President, the Congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state, as the delegates of the people, are the rulers of the United

States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States and by the constitutions of their respective states. And the said states are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction" (*The Book of Discipline 2012: 69*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Myra Greene

SERMON LESSON

The Necessity Of Government

Romans 13:1-7

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

SERMON

Where Does Authority Come From?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Where am I in rebellion against God's just authority?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN, No. 397**

For the Healing of the Nations

***A LITANY FOR OUR LEADERS AND ARMED FORCES**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer!**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

America (arr. McDonald)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist, Andy Westbrook: Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN**

Eternal Father, Strong To Save (Revised Lyrics)

Scripture Sheet

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

"Stars and Stripes Forever transcribed by Edward Marsh"

The flowers are given to God's glory and in honor
of all who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Join us for prayer on Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.
No Pastor's Bible Sunday on Wednesday, July 6 or 13, resumes July 20