



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

September 4, 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

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“A God who makes everything from nothing
and who raises the dead with new life is a God worth trusting!”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Richie Pinckney

(Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Albert Dukes: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World (arr. Hand)* Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, The Ten Commandments

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 law of God is holy and just; it reveals to us our folly and our sin.

“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.

***HYMN, No. 327**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Richie Pinckney, Vivi Joy Pinckney

+COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Based on Romans 4:13-25

Christ our Lord invites to his table	It's the table of Jesus!
all who love him,	Do you?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Will you?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Honesty!
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:	

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

there is nothing we can do to earn your favor,

and no good or holy deed that will put you in our debt.

All such thinking is foolishness and pride and arrogance.

We confess that we are weak in faith

and that trust does not come easily to us.

Our sin blinds us to your endless creativity and inexhaustible power.

You made all that is from nothing and raised Jesus from the dead.

He reigns over us now in the power of the Holy Spirit,

and his death is the full cancellation of all our debts.

Loose our chains of guilt and shame, that our hearts may be set free.

Come down and embrace us, that we may find joy in you, our God.

We wait upon your blessed presence and your kind word of pardon.

Amen. (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 328**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Security Update

David Patterson: SPRC Chair

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Covenant Renewed, Sign Given

Genesis 17:1-21

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

(John McFadden: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith, Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organ

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

The Creed and Faith of Father Abraham
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Romans 4:13-25

SERMON

Trust From Start to Finish
Where is God calling you to trust Him for the impossible?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN, No. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Debbie McFadden: Piano, Mindy Rutter: Flute

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal: 9-10, Sung responses: Scripture Sheet

*HOLY COMMUNION

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave.
Servers: Albert Dukes & Lori Thraikill, Charlie & Ann West, Mary Lynn Polk & Betty Staples, Ann Landis & Pam Faulkner, Assistant: John McFadden

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 707

Hymn of Promise

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

Recessional (Ives)

Emily Wallace: Organ

9/11 Fifteen Anniversary Prayer Service, Sunday September 11, 7:00pm

Join us for prayer on Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.
(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)