



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**March 6, 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

4<sup>th</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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**“In covenant with other elders,  
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church  
accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,  
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God’s Holy Word,  
and accepting the authority of those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?”  
-A Vow Taken And Affirmed By All United Methodist Elders-**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming  
**TRINITY CHIME** Rebekah Lomax

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision (arr. Wood)* Emily Wallace: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Deuteronomy 6:4-6

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.**

Moses declared to the people of Israel:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;

**and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart;  
and you shall teach them diligently to your children,

**and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way,  
and when you lie down, and when you rise.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 144**

*This Is My Father's World*

Crucifer: Lucas Bassett, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Claire Leuthner Barrineau

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON**

Based on Revelation 2:12-17

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
the whole creation is yours, for you made it and know it.  
We are also yours, since you impressed us with the divine image.  
You have promised in Jesus Christ  
to reclaim all that is from the powers of sin and evil and death.  
And here we live on a field of conflict, visible and invisible.  
Some have forsaken you for other loyalties.  
Some resent your demands for right living and self-control.  
Many choose to go with the flow because it is easy,  
and there are a few who undermine your truth from pulpits.  
Forgive us, as a people, for our cowardice and lack of conviction.  
May your Holy Spirit stir us all with the gift of true repentance,  
that we may return to you and bear a faithful witness in our world.  
Draw near to us, O Holy Lord of love, as we draw near to you.  
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**

Chad Charles: Habitat for Humanity

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Shell Dula

**ANTHEM**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (arr. Mallory)*

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Pianist

As we observe Lent, please take note of the second stanza:  
"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God,  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood."

**SERMON LESSON**      *Church in a Pressure Cooker!*      Revelation 2:12-17  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
**SERMON**      *Tough In All The Right Places*      Phil Thrailkill: Pastor  
What is God saying to you through the reading and preaching of Scripture?

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

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

“Lord Jesus Christ, may I love you more than comfort;  
may you use me as a witness in difficult places;  
may my life raise questions for which only you are the answer. Amen. ”

**\*HYMN No. 529**      *How Firm a Foundation*

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *Rhapsody (Saint-Saens)*      Emily Wallace: Organist

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

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**      Musical Setting B: 18-20

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**      In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave  
Servers: Shell & Mary Dula, Lomas & Marilyn Murphy, Karl & Debbie Kelly,  
Karen Williams & Suzanne Nicholson, Table Assistant: John McFadden.

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 663**      *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**      Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

**\*POSTLUDE** *Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor(Bach)*      Emily Wallace: Organist  
The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of Bennie and Wygenia Moore's 64th wedding anniversary, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 9: 12:00 meal, 12:30 worship, 1:00 meal**  
**Saint Mark UMC (Rivers St. Campus)**

Bible study, Wed. March 6 @6:00-7:00pm. . . . . 1 Corinthians 6:12-20