

August 7, 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 12th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am

Green

*Stand as able A nursery is provided Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"What's wrong with the world?" "I am."
-G.K. Chesterton-

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming TRINITY CHIME William Rowland

(Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Stuart Driver: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE Lord of the Dance (arr. Wood)

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*GREETING Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7, 12-14

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.

"I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live....."

"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you...."

"What shall I render to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people...."

*HYMN, No. 131 We Gather Together

Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolytes: Madalin Radcliffe, Trace Meredith

+COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON.... Based on Romans 3:1-20

Christ our Lord invites to his table It's the Lord's table!

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:

Our world is an unholy mess, and we all in the midst of it.

You have given us your Book, and we neglect it.

You have given us Jesus, and we don't take him seriously.

You speak to us by the Holy Spirit, and we shut our ears.

We expect you to fulfill our shopping list for the good life,

and we have not offered you the reverence and fear you are due.

But you are the One who creates from nothing,

and your patience and love are greater than we can measure.

Come to us now, for we are weak and worn and unworthy.

We are ill with the diseases of sin, and we have nothing to heal ourselves.

Our hope is in you, O Lord,

so honor the sacrifice of your Son once again and forgive us.

Lead us into new life that we may rejoice in you and your goodness.

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

*HYMN VERSE, No. 362 (first stanza only)

Nothing But the Blood
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND Safe and Secure! David Patterson: SPRC Chair

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE It's Not Too Early To Pray For... Pastor Phil & Lori

ANTHEM Revive Us Again (arr. Kirkland) Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organ

SERMON LESSON Paul, Is It Really That Bad? Romans 3:1-20

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

SERMON Under Alien Rule Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Am I really under a wicked power from which only God can free me?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY I Come With Joy (arr. Cherwien) Emily Wallace: Organ

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal: 9-10, Sung responses: Scripture Sheet

*INVITATION HYMN, No. 340 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*HOLY COMMUNION In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave.

Servers: Jim & Kathy Kelly, David & Jeanie Patterson,

Cindy & Steve Skinner, John & Susan Thompson, Assistant: John McFadden

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 600 Wonderful Words of Life

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir
*POSTLUDE Toccata (Widor) Emily Wallace: Organ

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT THE ALTAR Pastor Phil and Prayer Team

MEET & GREET David Patterson, Charron Conley

The flowers are given to God's glory and in honor of Pastor Phil and Lori's 40th wedding anniversary today, August 7. (Honey, thanks for the reminder!)

Come to the lake with us next Sunday. Bus and caravan leave at 10:00am. No Sunday School on August 4, 2016.

(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)