



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

May 8, 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 Ascension Sunday/ Mother's Day Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**"He cannot have God for his father who has not the church for his mother."
(Saint Cyprian of Carthage, died 258A.D.)"**

ENTRANCE

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

(Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Sound Engineer: Joey Burns)

PRELUDE *I Look to You* Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

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.**

"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."

***ASCENSION HYMN, No. 327** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
(Crucifer: Joe Hartung, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Libby Hartung)

***COMMON PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY**

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

**you sent Jesus to us through his virgin mother Mary
who received him through the Holy Spirit as a great gift.**

**We thank you for the mothers who carried us all
and through their labors ushered us into your world.**

**We honor your great wisdom in making us male and female
and for continuing to replenish the earth with fragile new life.**

**It was in the home of Joseph and Mary, with his brothers and sisters,
that our Savior learned to pray and received the faith of his people,
and it was from that home that he left to pursue his saving mission.**

**We remember how his mother was at the cross as he died,
how her care was entrusted to John,**

how she saw the glory of her Son after his mighty resurrection,

and was present on the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit was given.

**May this church, as she did, enter into the fullness of this great faith,
and display before the world all the wonders of your works.**

Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 80** *Canticle of the Holy Trinity*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *Jesus' Ascension and Promise of the Holy Spirit* Luke 24:36-52
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Lay Reader: Kim Clark)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Lynn Polk

ANTHEM *To the Lamb on the Throne (Forrest)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

WHAT THE U.M. CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT JESUS' ASCENSION AND SESSION

The Articles of Religion III: Of the Resurrection of Christ

“Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men (and women) at the last day” (*BOD*: 64).

SERMON LESSON *To the Church at Philadelphia write...* Revelation 3:7-13
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Church Of The Open Door* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What is our open door? Where are we to hold fast and endure?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN, No. 536** *Precious Name*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Jesus Shall Reign (arr. Cherwein)* Emily Wallace: Organ

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

*A LITANY ON MOTHER'S DAY, THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 141** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *In Christ Alone* Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (arr. Travis)* Emily Wallace: Organist

The flowers are given to God's glory by Matthew Hagen
in honor of his grandmother, Paula Jean Bond, and his mother, Linda Hagen.

Join us for prayer on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.

May 11 Pastor's Bible Study @ 5:30pm..... 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Sunday, May 15 *New Life In The Holy Trinity* Romans 8:1-17

**Next Sunday is Connection Sunday. Sunday School at 9:30am,
Joint Worship at 10:30am. Catered meal following.**