



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**March 5, 2017**  
**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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?”  
(The second baptismal vow of the U.M. Church)**

### ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming  
**TRINITY CHIME** Ella Bassett: Chimer, Steve Skinner: Sound  
**PRELUDE** *Wayfaring Stranger* (arr. Hayes) Emily Wallace: Piano  
**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

### \*GREETING

Trinitarian Greeting, James 4:7-10

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.**

James, the brother of Jesus, shared wisdom with the church:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God.

**Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

Draw near to God

**and he will draw near to you.**

Cleanse your hands, you sinners,

and purify your hearts, you men and women of double mind.

**Be wretched and mourn and weep.**

**Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to dejection.**

Humble yourselves before the Lord.

**and he will exalt you.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 269**    *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
(Crucifer: Marisa Rogers, Acolyte: Sanders Rogers)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**                      Based on Luke 4:1-15  
Christ our Lord invites to his table                      Not mine! Not yours!  
1)        all who love him,    Even a little?  
2)        who earnestly repent of their sin                      Eager to be free?  
3)        and seek to live in peace with one another.              Active pursuit?  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**  
**your good creation and all its peoples are in grave trouble.**  
**Our sins have alienated us from you,**  
**and it shows up every day in the way we treat one another.**  
**And when we yield to the lies and lures of evil, it gets only worse.**  
**How great is our need for a strong and brave and loving Savior!**  
**How grateful we are that in Jesus Christ you have come among us.**  
**When we read how he overcame the Evil One, we send up a cheer.**  
**When we see how he freed the captives, we know there is hope for us.**  
**Come and cover us now by the light and power of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may know the liberation of forgiveness,**  
**the exhilaration of deliverance,**  
**and march every day under the banner of our good and blessed King.**  
**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**    *Apologetics 2: Fine-Tuning*              Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**    Mary Lynn Polk

**ANTHEM**    *Nothing But the Blood/God So Loved the World*              Chancel Choir  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

**SERMON LESSON**

*The Testing of God's Son*

Luke 4:1-5

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

**SERMON**

*Jesus Meets The Foe*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

(2<sup>nd</sup> in the Lenten series: "A Glimpse At The Dark Side")

**Am I willing to learn the arts and disciplines of spiritual warfare?**

**Do I fulfill my baptismal promise to resist evil in all its forms?**

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN, No. 514**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Wonder of It All*

Myra Greene: Soloist

**\*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: Jon & Lori Bassett, Lomax & Marilyn Murphy, Richard & Susan

Pinckney, John & Susan Thompson, Table Assistant: John McFadden.

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 370**

*Victory in Jesus*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

Toccata in E Minor (Pachelbel)

Emily Wallace

**ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING AT THE ALTAR**

Pastor Phil

The flowers are given to God's glory in honor of Bennie & Wygenia Moore's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 8 and in memory of our grandmother, Etta Rush, on what would have been her 113<sup>th</sup> birthday March 5<sup>th</sup> by Sidney, Marion, and Dennis Moore.

Please join us for prayer Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.

The Lenten Lunch and Worship is at The Church of the Resurrection Episcopal Church.

Lunch at 12 noon and 1:00pm, Worship at 12:30pm.