



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

**January 8, 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 After Epiphany

White

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

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**“The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob keeps his covenant promises.  
The Jews remain at the center of God’s heart, and Jesus is their hope.”**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming  
**TRINITY CHIME** Daniel Leuthner Barrineau

**PRELUDE** *Wade in the Water (arr. Johnston)* Emily Wallace: Piano

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

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 47

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.**

“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is terrible,  
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet....

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**For God is the king of all the earth....**

God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 117**      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
(Crucifer: Marissa Rogers, Acolyte: Sanders Rogers)

**\*COMMON PRAYER**      Bases on Romans 9:1-13  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you are faithful to your promises as found in Scripture.  
You are the One who called Abraham and Sarah;  
you are the One who gave them Isaac as a child of promise.  
You are the One who made the Jews a people of your own  
and stamped them as a nation set apart for a holy mission.  
The benefits through your people to all the world  
are too many to count,  
and they have suffered greatly for their witness to your holy ways.  
Where they have suffered at the hands of your church, forgive us.  
And while your ways with your people Israel are a great mystery,  
we thank you for our mother in the faith,  
for the law and the worship and the wisdom we have received,  
and especially that our Savior, Jesus Christ, was and remains a Jew.  
Thank you for adopting us through him into your forever family.  
Send your Holy Spirit to give us new life in this great faith.  
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 666**      *Shalom to You*  
**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**  
**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      *Annual Gideon Report*      Tim Thomas

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      *The Promise Reaffirmed*      Genesis 18:1-15  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
(Lay Reader: Albert Dukes)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Shell Dula  
**ANTHEM**      *The Solid Rock (arr. Kirkland)*      Chancel Choir  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Pianist

**SERMON LESSON**      *Paul's Agony For His Fellow Jews*      Romans 9:1-13  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      *Privileges Are Not Enough*      Phil Thraikill: Pastor  
Do I bear a burden for someone specific who does not know Jesus Christ?  
What am I doing in prayer and deed and word to make a witness to them?

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### **SILENCE AND PRAYER WITH GOD AND THE WORD**

**\*HYMN No. 573**      *O Zion, Haste*

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

**OFFERTORY**      *I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light*      Emily Wallace: Organist

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKS, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION**      Hymnal: 886-887

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 116**      *The God of Abraham Praise*

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

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**      Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Shine, Jesus Shine (Blackwell)*      Emily Wallace: Organist

Please join us for prayer Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.  
Sermon manuscripts are available up front after the service.  
Copies of the 2017 church budget are available on the stand.

Our Wednesday night meal and programs resume this week at 5:00pm.  
Stay today and help us undecorate the church.

UMM breakfast, Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8:00am. Linda Hagin's testimony!

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017      *Asking The Hard Questions?*      Romans 9:14-32