

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 3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Color: White

Hymnal: vii

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

"What we believe (our faith) and how we live (our ethics) go together, and to undercut the first is to corrupt the second."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME Olivia Rowland

(Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Sound Engineer: Albert Dukes)

PRELUDE Hallelujah, What A Savior (Putnam) Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*GREETING Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Blessing and honor, dominion and power,

be to God for ever and ever!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*JOHN WESLEY'S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING, I-IV

*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 318 Christ Is Alive

(Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, William Rowland)

*MUTUAL BLESSING AND COMMON PRAYER Based on Revelation 2:18-29

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: we thank you that Jesus Christ has claimed us for his own. and that in his bodily resurrection you stamped him fully approved! But we your people are tried on every hand. We are tempted to go along to get along, to tolerate and approve what you reject, and to forget that you are the judge before whom we all stand. We thank you for the good works you call us to perform, and the virtues of faith and love and patience you build into us. May your Holy Spirit increase our discernment and wisdom, that we may spot false teaching and reject it, that we may reject all that appeals to the worst in us, and that we may never be ashamed to be your minority report in a deceived and self-indulgent world. Speak to us now as we reverently listen to Holy Scripture. Keep us faithful, O Lord, that we may bear your light and love to the world around us. **Amen.** (Silence is kept for prayer and listening.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 99 My Tribute
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Wicked Jezebel 1 Kings 16:29-34, 2 Kings 9:29-37 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

+PSALM 37:1-11 The Wicked Shall Be Cut Off

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM Come, Glorify the Lord with Me Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Piano

SERMON LESSON Jesus Writes A Letter To Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The Danger Of A Too Tolerant Faith Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

- 1) Am I a member of any private clubs or associations that compromise faith in Christ?
 - 2) Where is the culture and its obsessions pressing me into its mold?
 2) What are the *works* that Christ has given this church to do? For you to do?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN, No. 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Prayer (Salome) Emily Wallace: Organ

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

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal: 895

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*CONFESSING THE FAITH, No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 655** Fix Me

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
*CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672 God Be With You.... Chancel Choir
*POSTLUDE Gloria (Mozart) Emily Wallace: Organist

You are invited to join us for prayer from 6:30-7:00 pm on Thursday evening April 13 Pastor's Bible Study @ 6:00 pm. 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 Sunday, April 17 A Church On Life Support Revelation 3:1-6