

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly. [<http://spaciousfaith.com>]

*Hymn

How Can We Name a Love?

UMH 111

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Greeting

We want to know that you were here worshipping with us today, especially if you are a first time visitor. Please fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering. After the service, please introduce yourself to your neighbors and join us for cookies and conversation.

Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 22:25-31

UMH 752

First Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH 172

Sermon

Talley Wells

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Ashley Waite

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

All You Need Is Love

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology** UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation, Confession and Pardon UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Gift of Love* UMH 408

Prayer after Holy Communion

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created,
for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
whose holy life, suffering, and death, and glorious resurrection
have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.
We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit
you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* UMH 610

***Benediction**

***The Congregational Blessing** *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***The Light Goes Forth**

Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you are just visiting, we encourage you to fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering so we can be in touch with you. If you are looking for a church home, look no further—you have found one at St. Paul. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church or want to talk about membership, please speak with our Pastor, Rev. Ellen Hopkins, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Guest Preacher: Talley Wells

Acolytes: Rebecca and Billy Wallace

Liturgist: Chris Cline

Children's Time: Fred Fuller

Ushers: Susan Johnson (head usher), Danielle Hanson, Jake Fuller and Eddie Hardy

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace Dixon

Counters: Fred Fuller and Sarah Caldwell

Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails weekly. If you'd like to be on our email list, contact the church office at office@stpaulgrantpark.org or 404-688-7501.

Activities. Members, visitors, friends, all are invited to participate in the various ministries at St. Paul. If you need more information please call the church office 404-688-7501.

Every Sunday:

- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 8:45am **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service with Holy Communion)
- 11am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

Every Wednesday:

- 7:00pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]

Youth Group Variable schedule. Contact Ashley Waite (waite.ashley@gmail.com) to be placed on her contact list.

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children under kindergarten age may go up to child care in the gym on the third floor.