

# St. Paul United Methodist Church

*A Good Neighbor*

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**Ascension Sunday**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2015**



## *The Worship of God*

### Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

**Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.**

Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

**We live in that love and seek to serve God.**

Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

**May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.**

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#### \*Hymn

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

UMH 312

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*A Statement of Faith  
of the United Church of Canada*

UMH 883

#### 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 coffee and conversation.

### Reading and Sharing the Word

#### Psalm 47

UMH 781

#### Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Celebration of our Children

#### Children's Offering

#### Hymn

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

TFWS 2088

#### Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

Ashley Waite

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father (Creator) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*Come Away to the Skies*

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!**

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*I'll Fly Away*

TFWS 2282

**\*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

Liturgist: Bill Ericson

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Acolytes: Sarah, Stella and Dylan Steely

Ushers: Marcus Merritt (Head Usher), Angela, Bryan and Cooper Russell

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Angela Mickle

Counters: Bill McKinnon 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](mailto: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](mailto:kevinhowardhill@gmail.com)]

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