

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Bill Ericson

Children's Time: Ashley Riddle

Acolytes: Danielle Hanson, Annika and Olivia Egerstedt

Ushers: Bryan Russell (Head Usher), Dave Erwin, Bill Ericson, Eddie Hardy

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt

Counters: Bill McKinnon and Sarah Adair

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!!!**

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 Riddle (ashleywaiteriddle@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.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Lamb of God, by Tom duBois

Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016



The Worship of God

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Procession of Palms

*Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278

*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 introduce yourself to your neighbors, fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering.

The Word Read and Shared

Psalm 118 UMH 839

*Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* UMH 280

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Palm Sunday Litany

He comes to you on a colt never ridden, and his face is set before you like flint.

O God, you are our help! Tell us: Who is this carpenter-king whom we hail? What is this day that has swept us away?

Do you not recognize the Bethlehem baby, who arrived to the singing of anthems and slept in the silence of awe?

The baby who inspired the joy of angels and kindled the hope of the people? Glory to you in the highest, and peace to all on earth! (cont'd)

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Do you not recognize the Nazareth prophet, who proclaimed release to the captives and demanded relief for the poor?

The prophet who preached salvation for our foes and was thrown out of our city? Who is he to be glorified? How can he be the Chosen One?

And do you not recognize the Jewish messiah who established the kingdom for servants and sinners?

The messiah who sleeps in the house of outcasts and feasts at the table of fools? Who is he to be glorified? How can he be the Chosen One?

He comes to you on a colt than none has ever ridden. Tell me: How soon will he be taken to the tomb where none has ever lain?

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer *Jesu, Joy of My Desiring* (Bach/Leavitt) Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Estelli Ramos

The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering *Sanctus* (Faure) Chancel Choir

*The Doxology UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise God, the son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This?* UMH 292

*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.