



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

Praise be to God. AMEN!

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*Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

*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 67

UMH 791

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:23-29

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

TFWS 2158

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

An Order of Farewell

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

Estelli Ramos

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

23rd Psalm (Bobby McFerrin)

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!**

Service of Word and Table

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257 (Insert)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Draw the Circle Wide

Chancel Choir

Prayer after Holy Communion

**Eternal God,
We give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

***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: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Brian Russell

Acolytes: Nancy Erwin, Camille and Claudia Tanksley

Ushers: Robin South (Head Usher) Talley Wells, Patrick Lynn, Don Wallace

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Angela Russell

Counters: Fred Fuller and Jeremy Varner

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 **Adult and Children's Sunday School**
- 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:

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

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.