



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2016



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

God of grief, you see our hurt and weep.

Sometimes we share your grief, and we despair.

Sometimes we are so used to the way things are that we scarcely notice.

But one day, one night, our world's pain, hits us.

And we call out to you, "Is there a balm in Gilead? Is there healing?"

Today we wait for your answer,

you who weep for us and with us.

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*Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

*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 4 UMH 741

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children Children's Offering

*Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

My Lord, What a Morning

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Sh'Kur Francis

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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!**

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153

***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: Treah Caldwell
Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz
Loving Childcare: TBD
Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis
Ushers: Eddie Hardy (Head Usher) Bill Ericson, Bryan Russell, Dave Erwin
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Rachel Quartarone
Counters: Bill McKinnon and Sarah Adair

**CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN
UPDATE**

Pledges:	33
Donors	40
Total Pledged:	\$202,368
Total Received:	\$ 56,910
Total Spent:	\$ 17,035

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 Treah Caldwell (miss.treah@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.