



BUILT ON FAITH,  
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 2, 2016**



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### **Chiming of the Hour**

#### **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:** A Prayer for World Communion Sunday

Jesus prayed that we might be one,

**One in spirit, one in mission,**

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbling and failures in accomplishing unity,**

**As we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.**

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection

In the eyes of Christians everywhere.

**Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.**

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

**We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.**

*[by Safiyah Fosua, who serves as the Director of Invitational Preaching Ministries at the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee. Safiyah is a clergy member of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. From the **Africana Worship Book, Year B**, (Discipleship Resources, 2007), used with permission.]*

#### **\*Hymn**

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*

TFWS 2221

#### **\*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 137**

UMH 852

#### **Scripture Lesson**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Celebration of our Children**

#### **Children's Offering**

#### **\*Hymn**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

UMH 452

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Sh'Kur Francis

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

**Musical Offering**

*Bonse Aba* (Traditional Zambian Song)

Chancel Choir

Translation: "All that sing have the right to be called Children of God"

**\*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!**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Insert

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music**

*Bread of the World*

UMH 624

**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**

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

TFWS 2253

**\*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: Jeff McCord  
Loving Childcare: TBD  
Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod  
Ushers: Talley Wells (Head Usher), Patrick Lynn,  
Don Wallace, Robin South  
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt  
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt  
Counters: Jeremy Varner and Fred Fuller

**CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN  
UPDATE**

Pledges:	33
Donors	39
Total Pledged:	\$202,368
Total Received:	\$ 58,121
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](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 **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 Treah Caldwell ([miss.treah@gmail.com](mailto: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.