



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day
January 15, 2017



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship God, **who creates us and loves us;**
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality.
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
And whose presence, grace and love sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor and praise!

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*Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	UMH 585
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	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 40 UMH 774

*Gospel Lesson John 1:29-42
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children Children's Offering

*Hymn TFWS 2235
We Are Singing

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Come and See

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King, Jr., that
“freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor;
it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

**Therefore, let us pray
for courage and determination by those who are oppressed.**

We remember Martin’s warning that
“a negative peace which is the absence of tension”
is less than “a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

**Therefore, let us pray
that those who work for peace in our world
may cry out first for justice.**

We remember Martin’s insight that
“injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality
tied in a single garment of destiny.
Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.”

**Therefore, let us pray
that we may see nothing in isolation,
but may know ourselves bound to one another
and to all people under heaven.**

We remember Martin’s lament that
“the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice
with an uncertain sound.
It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo.
far from being disurbed by the presence of the Church,
the power structure of the average community is consoled
by the Church’s silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are.”

**Therefore, let us pray
that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ’s people
may be silent in the face of wrong,**

(cont’d)

**but that we may be disturbers of the status quo
when that is God's call to us.**

We remember Martin's

"hope that dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away
and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted
from our fear-drenched communities
and in some not too distant tomorrow
the radiant stars of love and brotherhood
will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

**Therefore, in faith,
let us commend ourselves and our work for justice
to the goodness of almighty God.**

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

Ukuthula

Chancel Choir

(Traditional South African Prayer for Peace)

Ukuthula kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukuthula

Peace in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings peace

Usindiso kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' usindiso

Redemption in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings redemption

Ukubonga kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukubonga

Praise (gratefulness) in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings praise
(gratefulness)

Ukukholwa kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukukholwa

Faith in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings

Induduzo kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya) igazi likaJesu linyenyez' induduzo

Comfort in this world of sin (Halleluja) the blood of Jesus brings

***The Doxology**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

The Summons

TFWS 2130

***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.*

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Holly Elrod

Children's Time: Talley Wells

Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Kolbi Lynn

Counters: Clay Elrod and Sarah Adair

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 young toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 2nd grade may go up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.