



The Resurrection, He Qi, China

Easter
March 27, 2016



The Worship of God

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Ain't No Grave

the Paulines

***Call to Worship**

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

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.

History Moment

Jeff McCord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of our past, we give you thanks for the past.
We think back to those who saw a community in need
and were moved to discipleship,
to those faithful founders who answered your call
to minister to the sick and injured,
to those who envisioned the need for a new church
and stepped out in faith,
to those who gave of their labor, their treasure,
their time to make it happen.

**As we remember the efforts of the founders and builders
we offer words of thanks and praise.**

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We remember Elders, Trustees, Board and committee members,
men and women who stepped forward
to provide governance and leadership.

For all these varied forms of leadership we are grateful.

God of our present, on this day we remember
all that led this congregation to this day.
For 150 years of ministry to and with this community,
for 150 years of growing together in love,
for all that has made us what we are now,

**We give you thanks, we give you praise.
Amen.**

**The Holy Baptisms of Henry Pharis Jones,
Abram Keith Jones and Joshua Richard Jones**

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Reception into Membership of Melanie and Jeremy Jones

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The Word Read and Shared

Psalm 118

UMH 839

***Gospel Lesson**

John 20:1-18

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Children's Sunday School

*God's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Hallelujah*

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

***Hymn**

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Easter Song

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

I Will Rise

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

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**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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH 327

***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: Jeff McCord

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Acolytes: Megan, John and Will Noble

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sarah Steely

Counters: Clay Elrod

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.

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