



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Gather us in, O Lord, and purify our hearts.

For we have come through many times of testing and trouble.

Gather us in, O Lord, and make us one people;

For we have strayed and been estranged from ones we love.

Gather us in, O Lord, and make us your disciples;

Teach us your will and your ways that we may be a living example of your love. AMEN.

*Hymn

We Sing to You, O God

TFWS 2001

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.

The Holy Baptism of Jude Oscar Watts

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Reception into Membership of Kristen and David Watts

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Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 66

UMH 790

Scripture Lesson

Acts 17:16-33

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Turn, Turn, Turn

the Paulines

Pastoral Prayer

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

Da Pacem Domine (Grant Us Peace)

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'll Fly Away

UMH 384

***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: Chris Cline

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Sunday Shepherd: Megan Noble and Marcus Merritt

Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Megan Noble

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.