



BUILT ON FAITH,  
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Sing songs of hope and peace.

**God's love and power have lifted us.**

Sing songs of mercy and grace.

**God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.**

Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

**Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us.**

**AMEN.**

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#### \*Hymn

*Lead on, O Cloud of Presence*

TFWS 2234

#### \*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

#### Canticle of Moses and Miriam

UMH 135

#### \*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Celebration of our Children

#### Children's Offering

#### \*Hymn

*My Hope Is Built*

UMH 368

#### Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

*Give Me Jesus*

Chancel Choir

**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**

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

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!**

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH 463

**\*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: Leslie Truman

Children's Time: Clayton Davis

Sunday Shepherd: Megan Noble

Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Rachel Quartarone

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](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 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 with the Sunday Shepherd to the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.

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