



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Day

April 22, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Call to Worship

Though the way seems long and the road rough

Yet will we trust the One who leads us.

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.

It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

It is Christ who gives us hope and peace.

Praise be to Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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***Hymn**

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

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 23

UMH 137

***Gospel Lesson**

John 10:11-18

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Jeff McCord

Children's Offering

***Hymn**

Without Seeing You

TFWS 2206

Earth Day Litany

Insert

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

SPRC Announcement

Ron Rezendes

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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.**

Stewardship Moment

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

The Angels Rolled the Stone Away

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

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

I Love You, Lord

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***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: Treah Caldwell
 Children's Time: Clayton Davis
 Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch
 Acolytes: Richard, Sam and Nicholas Quartarone
 Ushers: Danielle Hanson, Marcus Merritt, Annika and Olivia Egerstedt
 Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
 Counters: Michael Solberg and Becky Wellman

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledges: 33
 Donors 40
 Total Pledged: \$202,368
 Total Received: \$ 140,889
 Total Spent: \$ 80,201

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.