



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather to worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

[Joanna Harader, spaciousfaith.com/2011]

***Hymn** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* UMH 610

***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

Psalm 22 UMH 752

***Gospel Lesson** John 15:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

***Hymn** *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH 397

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

I've Just Come from the Fountain

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

Down in the River to Pray

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**

Lord, Be Glorified

TFWS 2150

***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: Claudia Tanksley
 Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch and Megan Noble
 Acolytes: Richard, Sam and Nicholas Quartarone
 Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn,
 Talley Wells
 Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
 Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Annie Jackson
 Counters: Bill McKinnon and Becky Wellman

**CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN
UPDATE**

Pledges: 33
 Donors 40

 Total Pledged: \$202,368
 Total Received: \$ 143,974

 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.