

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

*Call to Worship

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others –

Let us worship God.

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*Hymn *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* TFWS 2004

*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 111 UMH 832

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 19:13-15

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193

Sermon *Listen to Your Children* Rev. Cassie Rapko

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Sweet Child of Mine

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

Prayer of the Children

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**

Closer to Fine

I'm tryin' to tell you somethin' 'bout my life
Maybe give me insight between black and white
And the best thing you've ever done for me
Is to help me take my life less seriously
It's only life after all, yeah

Well darkness has a hunger that's insatiable
And lightness has a call that's hard to hear
I wrap my fear around me like a blanket
I sailed my ship of safety 'til I sank it
I'm crawling on your shores

And I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountains
There's more than one answer to these questions
Pointing me in a crooked line
And the less I seek my source for some definitive
The closer I am to fine
The closer I am to fine

And I went to see the doctor of philosophy
With a poster of Rasputin and a beard down to his knee
He never did marry or see a B-Grade movie
He graded my performance, he said he could see through me
I spent four years prostrate to the higher mind
Got my paper and I was free

I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountains
We go to the doctor, we go to the mountains
We look to the children, we drink from the fountain
Yeah, we go to the Bible, we go through the work out
We read up on revival, we stand up for the lookout
There's more than one answer to these questions
Pointing me in a crooked line
And the less I seek my source for some definitive
The closer I am to fine The closer I am to fine
The closer I am to fine, yeah

***Benediction**

It's Such a Good Feeling

Chancel Choir

It's such a good feeling
To know you're alive.
It's such a happy feeling;
You're growing inside.
And when you wake up ready to say:
I think I'll make a snappy new day.
It's such a good feeling,
A very good feeling.
The feeling you know, that I'll be back
When the day is new.
And I'll have more ideas for you.
And you'll have things you'll want to talk about.
I will too.

***The Light Goes Forth**

*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. Cassie Rapko, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko
Liturgist: Holly Elrod
Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz
Acolytes: Jack and Elliott Warner
Ushers: Bill Ericson, Bryan Russell, Eddie Hardie
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin
Counters: Clay Elrod

**CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN
UPDATE**

Pledges:	33
Donors	41
Total Pledged:	\$202,368
Total Received:	\$ 153,333
Total Spent:	\$ 99,701

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)

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, Kindergarten aged and pre-K children may go up to the nursery on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.