

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

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*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

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

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH 189

Sermon

Soul Food

Rev. Cassie Rapko

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

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!**

Service of Word and Table

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Chancel Choir

Prayer after Holy Communion

**Eternal God,
We give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

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

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko
Liturgist: Talley Wells
Children's Time: Claudia Tanksley
Acolytes: Richard, Sam and Nicholas Quartaroen
Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn,
Talley Wells
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt
Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

**CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN
UPDATE**

Pledges:	33
Donors	41
Total Pledged:	\$202,368
Total Received:	\$ 156,409
Total Spent:	\$ 106,421

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.