

**Grant Park**  
**Worship in the Park**  
**September 9, 2018**



Alexander Memorial AME Church  
St. Paul United Methodist Church

# *The Worship of God*

## Gathering

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Gathering Hymn

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Refrain:  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(repeat)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.  
(Refrain)

Holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy,

### Mission Moment

*All offerings made at this special community service will benefit our neighbors at the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children at 655 Ethel Street NW. This agency provides daytime services for homeless mothers and their kids, giving them tools to break free from homelessness. Services at the Day Shelter include day care, showers, laundry, lunch, MARTA cards for medical appointments, medical care, life-skills classes, recreational opportunities, and access to My Sister's House, which offers an overnight shelter, counselors, referrals to job training programs, help in finding housing, medical, and legal resources, and a fully developed childcare facility staffed with teachers and behavioral specialists. Please make checks payable to St. Paul UMC and mark them Atlanta Day Shelter. And please be generous.*

## Proclamation and Response

### Scripture Reading

*Mark 4:1-20*

Rev. John Williams

The word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Moment

Jeff McCord

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Myron Deas

### 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision  
Oh Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom  
And thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
And thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only  
First in my heart,  
Great God of heaven  
My treasure thou art

Great God of heaven,  
My victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
Oh bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision,  
Oh Ruler of all!

## Sermon

*The Generous Sower*

Rev. Cassie Rapko

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Cassie Rapko

## Offering

## Musical Offering

*Soon and Very Soon*

Choir

## Thanksgiving and Communion

### Confession and Pardon

Rev. Myron Deas

Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: **Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader to people: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

### The Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Myron Deas

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You,  
(cont'd)

### Prayer of Consecration (cont'd)

and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*(Children are welcome to receive Holy Communion and should be escorted from the children's area by their parents for this part of the service.)*

#### Communion Music

*Over My Head*

Choir

#### Post-Communion Prayer (Standing)

**Almighty and ever living God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father,  
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*I'll Fly Away*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away.

Refrain:

I'll fly away, oh glory!  
I'll fly away.  
When I die hallelujah! By and by,  
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away.  
(Refrain)

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll fly away.  
(Refrain)

### Benediction