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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 7, 2018**



## *The Worship of God*

### Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

#### **Chiming of the Hour**

##### **\*Call to Worship**

Holy God, open our eyes to see how wealthy we truly are.

**Lord, open our eyes.**

Holy God, open our minds to reconsider what treasure truly is.

**Lord, open our minds.**

Holy God, open our ears to hear the cries of our brothers and sisters in need.

**Lord, open our ears.**

Holy God, open our hearts to those who truly suffer.

**Lord, open our hearts.**

Holy God, open our hands that we may give generously to others, as you so generously give to us.

**Lord, open our hands.**

*[Extravagant Generosity]*

##### **\*Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

UMH 89

#### **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.

#### **Extravagant Generosity Initiative**

Celeste McCollough

### Reading and Sharing the Word

##### **\*Gospel Lesson**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Timothy 6:17-19

#### **Celebration of our Children**

##### **\*Hymn**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

##### **Sermon**

*EKG: Ministry Flows from the Heart*

Rev. Cassie Rapko

### Responding to the Word

#### **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.**

**Sharing from the Heart**

Jeff McCord and Rebecca Wallace

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*Lord of Feasting and Hunger*

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**

*One Bread, One Body*

Chancel Choir

**We Depart to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

TFWS 2212

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Blessing**

**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**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Laura Wells

Children's Time: Clayton Davis

Acolytes: Billy and Anna Kathryn Wallace

Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn, Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin

Counter: Danielle Hanson and Jeremy Varner

**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!!!**

***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](mailto: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 [office@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:office@stpaulgrantpark.org) for details and to be placed on our 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.