



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

*Call to Worship

Here in this place, God offers us food,
so we take and eat.

Here in this place, our neighbors are hungry,
so we share the bread and the cup.

Here in this place, the table extends
beyond our friends

beyond those who agree with us
beyond these walls

beyond the borders
around the world.

Let us taste and see that our God is good.

Let us worship God with joy.

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*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62

*Affirmation of Faith *the Apostle's 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 Connect 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 148 UMH 861

Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1-18

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

Sermon Rev. Cassie Rapko

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Soon and Very Soon

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.**

Recognition of Graduates

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The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

At the River

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**

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548

***Benediction**

Blessing Hymn

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

UMH 664

***The Light Goes Forth**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Holly Elrod

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: Jack and Elliott Warner

Ushers: Bill Ericson, Bryan Russell, Eddie Hardy

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Melanie and Jeremy Jones family

Counters: Clay Elrod and Jack Warner

***Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!** We are thrilled that you are here with us at St. Paul United Methodist Church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on this fifth Sunday of Easter! We welcome you to this place if you are searching for Christ, or the Easter Bunny, or just here to score points with your in-laws. We extend a special welcome to those who are skeptical about this whole "raised from the dead" thing (we've been there too), those who are Walking Dead fans looking for zombies, and those who are as sure of the resurrection as they are the air they breathe. At St. Paul UMC we believe that Jesus' resurrection means new life for us all! We are glad that you are here to experience this new life with us. 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 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 service with Holy Communion)
- 11am **Morning Worship**
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

Choir Practice Most Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am.

Youth Group Variable schedule. Contact 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.