



*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost ▪ September 1, 2019*

## ***The Worship of God***

### **Preparing Our Hearts for Worship**

**Prelude**

*Jesus Loves Me* (Jason D. Payne)

Mrs. Joan Hill,  
Guest Organist

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Call to Worship**

The table of God's love is set before us.

**Let us come to the banquet.**

The table of God's grace is set before us.

**Let us come to the banquet.**

The table of God's salvation is set before us.

**Let us come to the banquet.**

But before you come, you must know—all are invited to the table:

**the rich and the poor**

the old and the young

**the conservative and the liberal**

the gracious and the greedy.

**All are invited.**

The table of God's hospitality is set before us.

**Let us come to the banquet with joy.**

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**\*Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

TFWS 2236

**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**

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Celebration of our Children**

**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.**

**\*Hymn** *As We Gather at Your Table* TFWS 2268  
**Sermon** *The Heavenly Feast* Rev. Cassie Rapko

**Responding to the Word**

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

**Musical Offering** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* 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!**

**Invitation and Confession** Insert

**The Great Thanksgiving** Pew Card (TFWS 2257)

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Charles Callahan) Mrs. Hill

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH 340

**\*Benediction**

**\*Blessing Hymn** *Go Now in Peace* UMH 665

**\*The Light Goes Forth**

**Postlude** *Symphony No. 5 in F Major, Toccata* Mrs. Hill  
*(Charles Marie Widor)*

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Holly Elrod

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: Max and Sophie Jackson

Ushers: Don Wallace, Patrick Lynn and Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sherri Scott

Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

Fall is almost here! Maybe not the fall weather, but the smell of sharpened pencils, new school books, and all things Pumpkin Spiced has arrived! We are even more excited that YOU are here! We welcome you here if you are a student, a teacher, an observer, or a protester. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. Whatever brings you to St. Paul UMC this fall, we are glad that you are here and better off for having you in our midst!

***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)
- 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](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, children ages 3 through 2nd grade may go up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.