

# **St. Paul United Methodist Church**

*A Good Neighbor*

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
May 10, 2009**

# *The Worship of God*

## Gathering

**10:55 am Worship Begins**

**Prelude** *Slumber Song, (William Lloyd Webber)*

**\*Call to Worship**

It was you who took me from the womb;  
**you kept me safe on my mother's breast.**  
On you I was cast from my birth;  
**since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

[from Psalm 22]

**\*Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92

**Greeting and Announcements**

We want to know that you were here worshipping with us today, especially if you are a first time visitor. Please introduce yourself to your neighbors, fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering.

**Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Special Music** *Attitude of Gratitude* Little Saints Choir  
*I Love My Mommy* Little Angels and Little Saints Choirs

**Celebration of Our Children** *(after which, children 5 and under are invited for loving childcare for the duration of the service. Children need to be escorted by an adult at the beginning of loving childcare and at the end of service)*

**\*Hymn** *Happy the Home* #445

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**Mother's Day Prayer**

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Word Read and Shared

### \*Gospel Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Crown Him King of Kings* (J. S. Bach)

Chancel Choir

### Sermon

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

## Responding to the Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

#881

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

#### Musical Offering

*Happy the Home When God Is There* (Sam Batt Owens)

**\*The Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;  
praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## We Depart to Love and Serve

### \*Hymn

*How Can We Name a Love*

#111

### \*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

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (Henry Markoff)

\*Stand as you are able.

**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. Susan Allen Grady, our Deacon, Rev. Laura Rappold, or Family Life Minister, Douglas Hollis, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

## **MINISTERS OF WORSHIP AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Paige Matthews

Children's Time: Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Allen Graham

Acolytes: Bryan and Telia Garner

Sound Team: John Peterson and Colin Seymour

Ushers: Head Usher – Bryan Russell; Jim Mason; Susan Johnson; Bill Ericson

Nursery: Guy Seymour, Melissa Mason, Bryan Russell

**Accessibility Table:** There are large-print materials and audio listening devices available for your use. Please stop by the Accessibility Table at the side entrance of the sanctuary or speak to one of the ushers or greeters about any special needs.

**Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul?** We generally send out emails once or twice weekly, and we circulate the *Epistle*, our church newsletter, once a month. 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:**

- 8:30am. **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 9:30 **Fellowship Breakfast** (Huiet Hall)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 5pm **Disciple I** (through May, Bible Study) [[shelly.hart@emory.edu](mailto:shelly.hart@emory.edu) or 678-362-5893 (cell) or 404-727-4431 (work) ]

### **Every Wednesday:**

- 5:30-6:10pm **Children's Handbell Group (through Mother's Day)** [[Sherri.Scott@ihg.com](mailto:Sherri.Scott@ihg.com)] and **Little Angels Preschool Choir(through May 13)** [(404) 627-6756 or [lauraandtalley@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraandtalley@mindspring.com)]
- 6-6:45pm **Fellowship Supper** [\$6/adults, \$3/children 4-10, under 4 free. Reservations by Tuesday morning to [office@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:office@stpaulgrantpark.org) or 404-688-7501. ] Menu for May 13th: chicken pot pie with biscuit topping, salad, apple crisp.
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [[seedoug@hotmail.com](mailto:seedoug@hotmail.com)]
- 6:45-7:15pm **Little Saints Elementary School Choir (through May 13)** [[lauraandtalley@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraandtalley@mindspring.com) or (404) 627-6756]
- 7 pm **Companions in Christ: The Way (through May)**(spiritual formation study) [[tdavis280@aol.com](mailto:tdavis280@aol.com)]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**

### **Every Thursday:**

- 6:45-7:30pm **Worship First Praise Team** Contemporary Choir