

# St. Paul United Methodist Church

*A Good Neighbor*

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday  
May 24, 2009**

# *The Worship of God*

## Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

**Our life is hidden with Christ in God.**

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,  
that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory!**

**Alleluia!**

[Don E. Saliers]

#### \*Hymn

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

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### 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

**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

*Up from the Grave He Rose*

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### Concerns and Celebrations

#### Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

***We lift up thankful hearts.***

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever...***R***

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven...***R***

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others ...***R***

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night ...***R***

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one.

**O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Word Read and Shared

### Scripture Lesson

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Chancel Choir

### Sermon

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

## Responding to the Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

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

### Musical Offering

**\*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

*Hope of the World*

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### \*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

\*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: Tim Hill

Children's Time: Shelly Hart

Altar Guild: Allen W. Graham

Acolytes: Jess and Henry Gaines

Sound Team: Tom Sweeny and A.J.Seymour

Ushers: Head Usher – Marc Gowan; Talley Wells; Marcus Merritt; USHER NEEDED

Nursery: Robyn Bley, Donna Mayer Todd

**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)
- 12-ish **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** (Chester Commons following the service)

### **Every Wednesday:**

- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [[seedoug@hotmail.com](mailto:seedoug@hotmail.com)]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**

### **Every Thursday:**

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