

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Psalm 33

Moshe Tzvi HaLevi Berger

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2009**

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good.

(Genesis 1:31)

***Hymns**

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Blessed Assurance

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Greeting

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

Recognition of Lori Clayton
2009-2010 Contextual Education Student

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***Passing of the Peace**

Celebration of Our Children (*After the children's sermon, children 3 years to 5th grade are invited upstairs for Children's Church, after which children are invited to return to their seats or go upstairs 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 the service.*)

***Hymns**

Be Thou My Vision
How Great Thou Art

#451

#77

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymns**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
This Is My Song

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The Word Read and Shared

Scripture Reading

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-9

Meditation

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

***Hymns**

My Lord, What A Morning
Help us Accept Each Other

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Recognizing of Lori Clayton
2009-2010 Candler School of Theology Contextual Education Student

Pastor to the Congregation: Today we welcome Lori Clayton as our Contextual Education ministry intern from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Lori is a second year student at Candler. The Contextual Education program is designed for her to experience the practice of ministry in five areas: administration, liturgy and worship, mission and outreach, pastoral calling and congregational care, and religious education. She will serve eight hours each week at St. Paul, and the goal is for her to grow in knowledge and experience of ministry in the local church in preparation for her future in ordained ministry. St. Paul will be blessed by Lori's presence and ministry here.

Will you welcome Lori and help her learn her way here? Will you be open to her questions and her reflections at St. Paul?

Congregation to Lori: We look forward to your time with us at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Our hearts, our minds, and our doors are open to you. Will do all in our power to give you access to the ministries of our church so that this may be a place of welcome and learning for you.

Lori's response: I am grateful to serve at St. Paul and to learn all I can about the work of an ordained minister in the local church. I commit myself to prayer, study, and service to others.

Prayer: To the God who calls all of us into ministry, whether it is as laity or ordained clergy, we thank you for the church. In particular, we thank you for St. Paul and for all who have envisioned the possibilities for ministry here. We pray for Lori in her studies at Candler, and we pray that she will have many rich opportunities here to live out her faith, her calling, and to practice leadership among us. Help us to respond with wisdom and grace as we seek to carry out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, starting here in our Grant Park community. Amen.

Litany of Praise: (to be led by Lori Clayton)

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

People: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

From Romans 12: 1-8

Responding to the Word

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Celtic Laud (Craig Courtney)

John Gardner, Flute

*For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,
for bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

***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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Depart to Love and Serve

***Benediction**

***Hymn**

Lord of the Dance

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***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. Today's order of service is fashioned after what John Wesley sent to the American colonies in *Sunday Service 1784*. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning and are pleased you chose to worship here today. If you are here for the first time, 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 our Family Life Minister, Douglas

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Laura Rappold

Children's Time: Jenny Stevens

Altar Guild: Bill Ericson

Acolytes: Zxelema and Kiwani Howard

Sound Team: Don Wallace/A.J.Seymour

Ushers: Head Usher – Don Wallace; Louis Lindic; Robin South; Bob Vermillion

Nursery: Angela Russell, Bryan Russell, Doug Hollis

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 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)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** (Chester Commons following the service)

Every Wednesday:

- 6:00-6:30 **Children's Choirs** (beginning Wednesday September 9th)
- 6:30pm **Wednesday Night Supper** (beginning Wednesday, September 9th)
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [seedoug@hotmail.com]
- 7:00-8:00 pm **Wednesday Night Book Discussion** (beginning September 9th)
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**

Every Thursday:

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