

St. Paul United Methodist Church

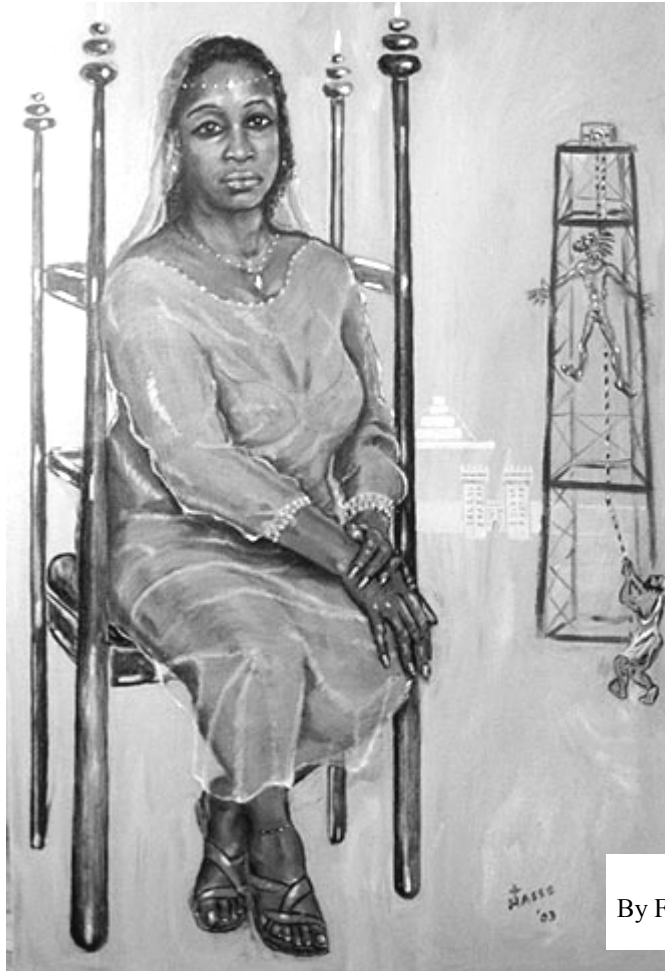
A Good Neighbor

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Queen Esther
By Fr. Jim Hasse, S. J.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 27, 2009

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude on *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (Thomas R. Pearce)

***Call to Worship**

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side

then the flood would have swept us away.

Our help is in the name of the LORD

who made heaven and earth. [from Psalm 124]

***Hymn** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #126

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*)

Special Music *I'll Fly Away* St. Paul GAC Members
Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door

Morning Prayer Lori Clayton

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.**

The Word Read and Shared

Scripture Lesson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;
9:20-22

Anthem

My God, How Wonderful (Oscar Overby, arr.)

Chancel Choir

My God how wonderful Thou art, Thy majesty so bright.
How beautiful Thy mercy-seat in depths of burning light!
How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of Thee must be,
Thy endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awful purity.
My God how wonderful Thou art, thou everlasting friend;
On Thee I stay my trusting heart, till faith in vision end.

Sermon

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Stewardship Moment

Responding to the Word

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

God Be In My Head (John Rutter)

Chancel Choir

***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**

Take My Life and Let It Be

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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

on Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Richard Lloyd)

*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: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Shelly Hart

Altar Guild: Jessica Gaines

Acolytes: Bryan and Joel Garner

Sound System: Greg Bley/A.J. Seymour

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

Nursery: Tori Lutkowski, Patres Hillis, Greg Bley

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 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** [lmwells2009@comcast.net]
- 6:30pm **Wednesday Night Supper** [terrycockrum@bellsouth.net]
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [seedoug@hotmail.com]
- 7:00-8:00 pm **Wednesday Night Book Discussion** [susan@stpaulgrantpark.org]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]

Every Thursday:

- 6:45-7:30pm **Worship First Praise Team** Contemporary Choir [tomtrimble52@aol.com]