

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Ninth Sunday After Epiphany

March 6, 2011

Disabilities Awareness Sunday

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

Corbin McKinnon, Bagpipe

***Call to Worship**

We are the body of Christ

Each one of us is part of the body.

We are all loved by God.

Each one of us has enormous value to God.

We all have gifts.

Let us help each other use our gifts to glorify God.

Some of God's people with disabilities have been excluded and segregated.

God, help us be more inclusive and make our church and communities more inclusive so we can be one in Christ.

***Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

#585

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.

Testimonial

Bill McKinnon

Special Music

How Could Anyone

Fran and Rhiannon McColman

(by Libby Roderick)

***Passing of the Peace**

The Word Read and Shared

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:11-14

. “What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children (after which children 3 and older are invited upstairs for Children's Church. They will return to the Sanctuary for Holy Communion and the Benediction.)

***Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other
(to the tune of *The Church's One Foundation*)

#560

Sermon

Talley Wells

Special Reading

Living While I Live
(by Samuel Mitchell,
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Cheryl Mitchell

I arise, but not early, to the harsh shout of pain.
Getting up is a strenuous chore I lovingly perform,
For I know the reality of not being able to rise,
To lie and only watch as life passes by.

How wonderful it is to have purpose again,
And not just exist with no direction or aim.
I'm free to cry for the world to hear,
To be all that God will have me to be.

A simple action such as standing up
Is a hard won victor I cherish so dear.
I thank God each day for the blessings he gives,
And the myriad prayers answered by his holy will.

I see others around me who have fought and won
This precious beautiful gem called self-determination.
No matter the disability they strive and achieve
The personal and group goals they've set for themselves.

As shafts of light pierce the curtains of sleep,
I struggle toward the beginning of the day ahead,
Looking forward to the many challenges I'll find,
Knowing God will guide me as I face each one.

I hear the encouragement of family and friends,
Cheering me on as I run my race beside them.
An integral part again of family and society.
I give my God given talents while receiving my needs

Now I know the calm after the storm.
I've passed this test of my faith in God,
And with his mercy and grace I will go on
Living while I live with illness and pain.

Responding to the Word

Prayer for the Day Mark Crenshaw

Invitation p. 7

Confession and Pardon p.8

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering *My God How Wonderful* Chancel Choir

*The Doxology #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 up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting B p.18-20

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* #620

We Depart to Love and Serve

*Hymn *Something Beautiful* #394

*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, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider/Liturgist: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Guest Preacher: Talley Wells

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Eddie Hardy

Children's Time: Laura Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Acolytes: Alex and Colton Roberson

Sound Board: Don Wallace and Collin Seymour

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

Childcare Volunteers: (Children's Church): Stuart Dougherty and Robyn Bley

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: First Sunday Lunch

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:

- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 8:45am **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Covered Dish Fellowship Lunch (Huiet Hall, First Sundays); Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

Every Wednesday:

- 5:30pm **Children's Choirs** [lmwells2009@comcast.net]
- 6:00pm **Wednesday Night Supper** [terrycockrum@bellsouth.net]; 6-8:30pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [alingenfelter@lagrange.edu]
- 7:00pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]

Tin Lizzy's Cantina offers \$5.00 off Sunday brunch to anyone who brings in a Church bulletin mentioning this offer.