

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Jesus teaches the disciples about humility and fraternal correction

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2011

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Come before the Lord with thanksgiving and praise;

We rejoice in God always with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Prepare your hearts for what the Lord has for you;

We are ready, and we pray that God will keep us open at all times

To receive what we need to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

***Hymn**

We Are Called

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***Passing of the Peace**

***Gathering Chorus**

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

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.

The Apostles Creed

#881

The Word Read and Shared

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:15-20

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#384

Sermon

Lori Clayton

We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the
 hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -



cit - y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit - ed in love! _____



jus - tice, _____ we are called to love ten - der - ly, _____



_____ we are called to serve one an - oth - er, _____ to



walk hum - bly with God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
 MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular with Refrain

A Great Thanksgiving for Labor Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (Almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.

**We praise you for all who labor for the common good
and for those whose service is unappreciated.**

**We thank you for children whose play is the work of learning
to live in the world.**

**We thank you for disciples who are obedient
to the promptings of your Spirit in all their relationships.**

**We thank you for your yearning mercy
that waits for us to make all our hours and days participation
in your healing and blessing of the earth and all peoples.**

You made us in your image
and set us in a lush garden as caretakers.
When we chose to have it all to ourselves,
you turned our freedom to the toil for survival.
When we cried out in our misery,
you delivered us from captivity
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
By the prophets you called us to return to you
and delight in good food without price.
You confronted us with the waste of laboring apart from you,
and you asked us,
"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy? ...
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live."

(Isaiah 55:2-3)

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Anointed with your Spirit,
his food was to do your will and to complete it.
He took the common things of daily life,
blessed them, and broke and shared them
so that all were satisfied.
He told those who followed him,
"Do not work for the food that perishes,
but for the food that endures for eternal life."
He confronted the powers of greed and evil
at the cost of his life,
but you triumphed over death
and placed him at your right hand
to intercede for his disciples until the feast of eternal life.
By water and the Spirit he calls us to continue his work
until we and all peoples feast at his heavenly banquet.

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves to live daily
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his Blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ, and with each other,
And one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory
And we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
Now and for ever. **Amen.**

Responding to the Word

Anthem *Let Us Break Bread Together* Chancel Choir
(by Arlen Clarke)

Invitation p. 7

Confession and Pardon p.8

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

***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 Insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #402
I Come With Joy #617

We Depart to Love and Serve

***Hymn** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* #549

***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: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Guest Preacher: Lori Clayton

Liturgist: Jack Warner

Children's Time: Ashley Miller

Sunday School: Laura Rappold, Susan Allen Grady, Jen Kidwell, Ron Rezendes

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Acolytes: Alex and Colton Roberson

Sound Board: Don Wallace and Collin Seymour

Ushers: Don Wallace, Allen W. Graham, Baedrian Cline, Bill Ericson

Loving Childcare (Children's Church): Talley Wells, Sarah Steely, Eric Mayle

Hospitality: 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:

- 6-8:30pm **Youth Group** [alingenfelter@lagrange.edu]
- 7:00pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]