

**St. Paul's UCC
Evansville, Indiana
Online Worship**

July 5, 2020 Independence Weekend Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC

"Episode on "Dunlap's Creek" (McFarland)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,

You have made all the peoples of the earth for Your glory. You invite us to serve You in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a passion for justice and the strength and courage to seek it for every person. We ask this on a weekend of celebration, in the hope for a nation that might yet be a place of freedom and happiness for all. We ask this in the name of the One who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and work and worship in Your freedom and for the sake of all Your children. Amen.

~ adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Katie Maurer, Piano

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Three-fold Amen

Lisa Wassner, Organ

OFFERING MEDITATION

OFFERTORY

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" (Rowan)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Heaven and Earth,

You created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

We come to You this morning weary and heavy laden.

We need Your Presence and Thank You for Your Word.

Speak to us we pray, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

SERMON

"Come to Me"

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Our Father, 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Bill

CLOSING MUSIC

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" (Turner)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

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Participating Today:

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Senior Pastor

Lisa Wassner
Organist

Katie Maurer
Director of Music Ministries

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