

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana**

Online Worship

June 28, 2020 Welcoming Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" (Gabriel)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Mary

God of life and light and love, You have created us, and You care for us, and You forgive us. When we wonder how we can go on, You remind us that You watch over us and that You neither slumber nor sleep. When questions fill our minds, and we do not know where to turn, You help us to remember Your love and caring are always present in abundance. Today may we trust in Your promises and mercy, so that we may be serving You always with joy and confidence. In and through the power of Jesus' name, Amen.

OPENING SONG

"The Power of Your Name" (Brewster)

Lisa Wassner, vocalist Katie Maurer, accompanist

MORNING PRAYER

We close as Jesus taught us:

***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.***

PRAYER RESPONSE

Three-fold Amen

Lisa Wassner, Organ

OFFERING MEDITATION

Pastor Mary

OFFERTORY

"Reflection" (Price)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Mary

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kim Armstrong

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSV)

⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terrifying Word,
Life-Giving Word,
Sanctifying Word,
Come to us as ones who crave water in the desert.
Grant that we may hear and respond to You.
In fear and trembling and also in rejoicing
Through Christ we pray. Amen

SERMON

"You're Welcome!"

Pastor Bill

