

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

**Online Worship
July 19, 2020**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC *To God All Glory Given (Sawyer)* Lisa Wassner, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Mary

Gracious God, we thank You for Your promise to be with us and among us today as we worship You in a spirit of humility and holiness. We invite You to hold up before us Your Word in such a way that we see our way in this world. Help us also to see in a new way the fullness of Your glory and mercy. We await in the next hour Your Word to us, that by it we may be empowered to live in the world, announcing Your rule of justice, reconciliation and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *By Our Love (Nockles)* Katie Maurer & Lisa Wassner

MORNING PRAYER (concluding with The Lord's Prayer) Pastor Bill

*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 *A Quiet Song (Smith)* Lisa Wassner, Organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Mary

SCRIPTURE READING**Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSV)**

Pastor Bill

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON**"Dreaming While Awake"**

Pastor Bill

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING MUSIC*When, in Awe of God's Creation* (Prichard)

Lisa Wassner, Organ

Participating in Worship Today:**Dr. Bill Wassner**
Senior Pastor**Rev. Mary Hurley**
Associate Pastor**Katie Maurer**
Director of Music Ministries**Lisa Wassner**
Organist

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