

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

Worship for Sunday, September 20, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Mary Hurley

Opening Music *Introitus in C* (Trexell)

Katie Maurer

Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Mary: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**Congregation: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding steadfast love.**

Pastor Mary: Whether we are long timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

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abounding steadfast love.**

Pastor Mary: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring
hardship,

**Congregation: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding steadfast love.**

Invocation (in unison)

**Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in
the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your
good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace.**

**Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy
alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not
only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had
not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing.**

**Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy
as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

Special Music *Scandal of Grace* (Crocker & Houston)

Dirck Stahl
Worship Band

Morning Prayer (concluding with **The Lord's Prayer**)

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Capital Campaign Moment

Pam Buschkill

Call to Offering

Offertory *More Precious than Silver* (DeShazo)

Offering Prayer (in unison)

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those who you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Scripture Lesson Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon "Is This Any Way to Run a Business?"

Rev. Mary Hurley

Charge

Benediction

Closing Music *Angus Dei* (Redford)

Celebrating Worship Today:

Rev. Mary Hurley
Pastor

Katie Maurer
Director of Music Ministries

Dirck Stahl
Vocalist

Don Armstrong, Bob Koch, and Katie Maurer
St. Paul's Worship Band