

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ

Evansville, Indiana

Sunday, October 11, 2020

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art
(Carl Boberg and Stuart K Hine)

Rick Hobbs

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregational response in **bold** print)

Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty. Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds...

We have come to praise God and give thanks. We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come together that our faith might be strengthened. We see the strength to live by all we profess.

God's awesome deeds saved our ancestors. Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.

God continues to deliver us in times of distress. God's steadfast love endures forever.

We rejoice that God is near and available to us. We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

INVOCATION (in unison)

Gracious God, you have invited and welcomes us to this place of worship. You draw us away from the idols we create to take your place. When we come

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together, we sense that there is nothing in life that can substitute for a vital relationship with you. Yet we are only dimly aware of who you are. All the mysteries of the universe are in your hands, yet you have made yourself known among the people of this earth. We catch glimpses of your work among us and are amazed. We want to meet you again today, as for the first time. Touch us. Remake us. Help us to stand firm in the faith. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Grace Greater than Our Sin* with *By His Grace* Katie Maurer
(Daniel B Towner)

MORNING PRAYER (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFERTORY *Maitland*
(George Nelson Allen)

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4: 1-9 NRSV

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Exhortations

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I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON “Rejoice in the Lord Always; Again, I Will Say, Rejoice”

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Assurance*
(Phoebe Palmer Knapp)

Rev. Mary Hurley Pastor	Katie Maurer Director of Music Ministries	Rick Hobbs Organist
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