

# St. Paul's

United Church of Christ

Evansville, Indiana

October 18, 2020

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mary Hurley

**PRELUDE**

*Pastorale in C*  
(Ernest A Dicks)

Katie Maurer

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Pastor Mary: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

**Congregation: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**

Pastor Mary: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**Congregation: Tremble before God, all the earth.**

**INVOCATION** (in unison)

**Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone.  
Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the  
glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Immortal, Invisible*  
with *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*  
(Carol Tornquist)

Katie Maurer

**MORNING PRAYER** (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
(Paul Oakley)

**OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**      1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 NRSV

Salutation 1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 3 The Thessalonians' Faith and Example 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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**SERMON**

"Grace to You and Peace"

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**CHARGE**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary No. 1*  
(John Bennett)

**Celebrating Worship Today:**

**Rev. Mary Hurley**

**Pastor of St. Paul's**

**Katie Maurer**

**Director of Music Ministries**