

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

Sunday, October 25, 2020
Online Worship Service

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

Ein' Feste Burg (Martin Luther)

Bill Barrett

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive reading)

Pastor Mary: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Congregation: **In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Pastor Mary: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

Congregation: **In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.**

INVOCATION (in unison)

God of creation, you have made us to be nourished in your care, and you test us so that we will turn again and again toward your gifts. Show us how to love our neighbors and ourselves, and teach us to delight in your law so that we will know the way of gratitude and thanksgiving. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Katie Maurer

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MORNING PRAYER

concluding with

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Aurelia* (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 NRSV

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great

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opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

SERMON

“Not to Please Mortals, But God”

Rev. Mary Hurley

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grosser Gott

Celebrating Worship Today:

Rev. Mary Hurley

Pastor

Katie Maurer

Director of Music Ministries

Bill Barrett

Substitute Organist