

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

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Mary Hurley

Prelude

They'll Know We are Christians
(Peter Raymond Scholtes)

Rick Hobbs

Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Mary: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

Congregation: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Pastor Mary: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Congregation: This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

Invocation (in unison)

Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world, you sent us your beloved Son – but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Special Music

At This Table
(Jonas Myrin and Idina Menzel)

Katie Maurer

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Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.

You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.

Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Capital Campaign Recognition of the Pledges

Pam Buschkill
Bill Barrett

Offertory *Lower Lights*
(Philip Paul Bliss)

Offering Prayer (in unison)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Matthew 21: 33-46

Sermon "Another Vineyard! Give Us a Break!"

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

(concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*)

Charge

Benediction

Postlude *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*
(James Milton Black)

Celebrating Worship Today:

Rev. Mary Hurley
Pastor

Katie Maurer
Director of Music Ministries

Rick Hobbs
Organist