

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

Online Worship
January 10, 2021

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(John Francis Wade)

Rick Hobbs

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation's response in **bold** print)

The powerful voice of God created all worlds. That same voice calls us to worship.

Ascribe to our God's glory and strength. Come before God's glorious majesty.

God's strength shakes the wilderness. That same strength is offered to people of faith.

The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts. May God bless all people with true peace.

Come together to remember your baptism. Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

The heavens open to us at the Word of God. Surely God forgives and makes whole.

INVOCATION (in unison)

In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing

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process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Loving Spirit
(David Gregof Corner)

Katie Maurer

MORNING PRAYER

concluding with **The Lord's Prayer**

OFFERTORY

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
(Timothy Richard Matthews)

Rick Hobbs

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Mighty God, you have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness and because we care about people who do not know you, people who have not shared your abundance, people who have defied your commandments, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11

SERMON

"John and Jesus"

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings
(John Henry Hopkins, Jr)

Rick Hobbs

Celebrating Worship on this First Sunday of Christmas:

Rev. Mary Hurley
Pastor

Katie Maurer
Director of Music Ministries

Rick Hobbs
Organist