

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

February 17, 2021
Online Worship
Ash Wednesday

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

Depth of Mercy
(Charles Wesley)

Katie Maurer

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION (in unison)

God of Righteousness, you see the secret acts of our devotion and know the hidden motives of our hearts. Confirm in us a spirit of humble obedience, that without regard to earthy honor we may live as your faithful children and receive the treasure of eternal life with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, I Need You
(Christy Nockels, *et al*)

Katie Maurer

TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have been a rebellious people. We have broken you covenant, and we have tolerated injustice in our land. We have not shared with the homeless, and we have not aided the destitute. We quarrel and fight

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among ourselves, and we use religion to cover our deceit. We have become a mockery of our heritage; the world looks at us and asks, "Where is their God?"
Forgive us, O God. Subdue our rebellious hearts and restore in us the light of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

concluding with **The Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 58: 1-12
 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

MESSAGE "Dirt" Rev. Mary Hurley

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Heart of Worship* Katie Maurer
 (Matt Redmon)

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