

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

February 21, 2021
Online Worship
First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
(St. Flavian from Day's Psalter)

Katie Maurer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregational response is offset and in **bold** print)

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvations teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness: we put our trust in God.

INVOCATION (in unison)

Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the water of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation, descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and descends upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all the glory and honor. In your triune name we pray. Amen

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SPECIAL MUSIC *40 Days*
 (Matt Maher)

Katie Maurer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, be according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

OFFERTORY *Amazing Love*
 (Graham Kendrick)

Katie Maurer

