

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

February 28, 2021
Online Worship
Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross
(George Bennard)

Rick Hobbs

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregational response in **bold** print)

Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION (in unison)

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Wonderful Cross
(Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, JD Walt, Jesse Reeves)

Katie Maurer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be

disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but 2 we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

following Declaration of Forgiveness: **The Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

OFFERTORY *My God and I* Rick Hobbs
(Latvian spiritual)

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 8: 31-38

SERMON "Got Any Crosses Laying Around?" Rev. Mary Hurley

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love is This?* Rick Hobbs
(*Wondrous Love from Southern Harmony*)

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