

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

Opening Voluntary No. 14
(Bennett)

Katie Maurer

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

The days are surely coming, says our God; The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

We call on God's steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

God's law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

We are eager to know the God who loves us. We are ready to learn God's intention for us.

God offers us the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living. Amen

INVOCATION (in unison)

As Jesus offered up prayers and supplications to you, O God, we cry out to you today. You know our losses and our fears. You understand our suffering and pain. We wish to see Jesus, to know the healing touch felt by so many. We want to hear a reassuring voice. We long to see a new day when evil is overcome and

wrong cannot prevail. Lift us up and draw us to yourself as we worship in this hour. Equip us for daily living as we seek to be true to your covenant with us. Amen

HYMN

Were You There?

Verses 1, 2, and 5

tune: *Were You There*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgressions than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Mercy is More

Katie and Bob Duo

(Keith & Kristyn Getty)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all human kind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. Amen

HYMN *The Heart of Worship*

SCRIPTURE **John 12: 20-30**

SERMON “DO WE WISH TO SEE JESUS?” Rev. Mary Hurley

HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Verses 1, 2, and 4
Tune: Rathbun

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Celebrating Worship Today:

Rev. Mary Hurley
Pastor

Katie Maurer
Director of Music Ministries

Bob Koch Katie Maurer
Katie and Bob Duo

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