

“Who Are We  
Serving?”



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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2227 West Michigan Street, Evansville, IN 47712

*Thirteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost*  
August 8, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Pastor Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought” (#374, vs 1, 2, 3)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

**People: Happy are those who live in God’s house! Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

Leader: Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of the earth are God’s children.

**People: We greet one another by name in Jesus’ name. Together we extol the name of our God.**

Leader: Open your hearts to receive new strength. Open your lives to renewed understandings.

**People: Surely God will equip us to face our world. We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life’s necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG “Love the Lord”

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 (NRSV) Pastor Mary

SERMON “Who Are We Serving?” Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC Katie Maurer

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”  
(Rodgers, Wyse/Arr. Tornquist)

\*RESPONSE “Bless Thou the Gifts” (p. 625)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**May our giving add strength to the witness of your church as we humbly seed your truth and lovingly share it. Ready us to proclaim the gospel of peace in our homes, in our places of work and leisure, throughout our community and the world. Keep before your people the awesome mystery of faith. May its power overcome the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age, uniting us in disciplines that are freeing and discipleship that is amazingly fulfilling. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” (#363, vs 1, 3)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Katie Maurer

(\*) All who are able, please stand when noted.