

“Clearing The Way”



Eighteenth Sunday After
Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Mary Hurley, Pastor
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry
Kim Armstrong, Youth Director
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2227 West Michigan Street, Evansville, IN 47712

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 337 (vs 1, 4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here.

People: We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed. God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

People: God hears our prayers and answers us. God equips us to be helpful to one another.

Leader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God. Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

People: God's glory abides in this place of worship. God's presence and help are real.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

May all your people find favor with you this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to thank you and to be changed by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG (On Screen)

SCRIPTURE Mark 9: 38: 50 (NRSV)

SERMON "Clearing The Way" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Like salt that enhances the flavor of food, Christians are called to share the joy and gladness we are discovering in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The good news is extended through our support of the church and its ministries.

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC Katie Maurer

*RESPONSE "Bless Thou The Gifts" # 625

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "I Would Be True" # 500 (vs 1, 2)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Katie Maurer