

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

Receive our thanks, O God, for your gifts of life, means, and time. We treasure your offerings and, small as our return giving may be, welcome it for the sake of those in need and for the furtherance of your witness in this world. Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given, in Jesus' name. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" (p. 330, vs 1 & 2)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER (in unison)

***CLOSING HYMN** (p. 149 vs 1, 2, 4)

"Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Katie Maurer

"A Right Strawy Epistle"



*Fourteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
September 5, 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 Hurley

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" (p. 485, vs 1, 2, 3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

People: This is a place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.

Leader: The Maker of all seeks our common good. The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

People: We are not judges over our sisters and brothers. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

People: We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You are aware of the distinctions we make and the favoritism we express. Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen.

*RESPONSE— Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Mary

CALL TO CONFESSION

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them. With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Follow You"

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
James 2: 1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

SERMON "A Right Strawy Epistle" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

For the healing of this world, let us now bring forth our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC Katie Maurer
"God of the Poor"
(Kendrick)

*RESPONSE "Bless Thou the Gifts" (p. 625)

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