

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

God of wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves—to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “Rock of Ages” #214 (vs 1,3)**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**“God’s Ways Are Not
Our Ways, Thank
God”**



Mary Hurley, Pastor
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry
Jenny Hammer, Office Manager
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
415 NW 5th Street, Evansville, IN 47708
P.O. Box 6287, Evansville, IN 47719 (mailing address)

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022
9:00 a.m.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN # 5
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who need the help of God:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Your glory and power, O God, surround us. We lift up our hands and call on your name. We are your people, thirsty for the living water you alone can give. When we consider how you have helped us, giving us a spring that gushes up to eternal life, we cling to you, singing praises with joyful lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSE— Gloria Patri # 35

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Grace Flows Down"

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55: 1-9 Pastor Mary
Luke 13: 1-9 (**NRSV**)

SERMON Pastor Mary
"God's Ways Are Not Our Own, Thank God"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Disciples of Jesus, children of God, we often spend our money on that which is not true bread, and labor toward things that will never satisfy. In our offering, we give to things that are of God: bread for the hungry, good news for those who are oppressed, the ministries of the church that welcome strangers and sons and daughters alike. We bring before God a portion of all that God has so freely given to us.

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Love"
(Kendrick)

*RESPONSE "Wondrous Love Doxology" (see insert)