



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 146:5)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Happy are those who ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Hope in the Lord.***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”* ~ Desmond Tutu

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

September 28, 2025

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Jonathan Reuss

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**  
Do not put your trust in worldly rulers,  
**For they are temporary, their plans will fall apart.**  
Happy are those whose help and hope is in God,  
**For God made heaven and earth, and all living things.**  
God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry,  
**God sets the prisoners free, and opens the eyes of all.**  
God watches over those on the margins, the strangers,  
the widows and orphans;  
**And God will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

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\*HYMN

*God Hath Spoken by the Prophets*

UMH 108

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Song # 335011

1 God hath spoken by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming,  
God the One, the righteous Lord!  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil,  
one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first, and God the last.

2 God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

3 God yet speaketh by the Spirit,  
speaketh to our hearts again;

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in the agelong Word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Thru the rise and fall of nations,  
one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God abides, the Word unchanging,  
God the first, and God the last.  
God the first, and God the last.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

**God of justice and mercy, when the world burns around us, you ask us to sow seeds of faith and believe in a harvest we cannot yet see. When we close our eyes to suffering at our gates, you send prophets and strangers to open our hearts—not just for their salvation, but for our own. Awaken us in this time of worship and grant us the courage to invest in hope, even when hope feels absurd. Shape us into people who live faithfully now, expecting that we will see your promises take root to bless our world. Amen.**

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN:

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*  
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Song # 314094

UMH 596

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred

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now to seek and love and fear thee,  
by thy teachings sweet and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart;  
help us by thy spirit's pleading;  
hear the cry thy people raises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

SCRIPTURE READING      I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31      Melissa Pryor

I Timothy 6:6-19 (NRSVue)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony

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before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSVue)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they

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will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

*What Does the Lord Require of You* TFWS 2174

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Song # 456859

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness  
And walk humbly with your God  
To seek justice and love kindness  
And walk humbly with your God

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way, we glorify God with our whole lives.

OFFERTORY

*Nearer, Still Nearer*

arr. Dan Forrest

Jerry Bursch, Piano

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\***DODOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)**

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CCLI Song # 3063266

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Melissa Pryor

**Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we are reminded of the divide**

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**between those who live in comfort and those who suffer. Help us to care for the poor, the oppressed, and those on the margins of society. Guide us to use what we have to help others and show compassion. May our offerings reflect our desire to build bridges of love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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\*HYMN

*The Summons*

TFWS 2130

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CCLI Song # 4791063

1. Will you come and follow Me  
If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown  
Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown  
In you and you in Me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me?

3. Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in Me

4. Will you love the you you hide  
If I but call your name

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Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through My sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in Me

5. Lord Your summons echoes true  
When You but call my name  
Let me turn and follow You  
And never be the same  
In Your company I'll go  
Where Your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In You and You in me

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

\*HYMN OF PARTING

*Shalom to You*

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friend.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through all your loving  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ & Clavinova

arr. John Carter

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## *Serving in Worship Today*

Greeter: Cathy Brocker  
Ushers: Drew Patterson & Linda Shurlow  
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor  
Accompanist: Jerry Bursch  
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.com/media](http://www.indioumc.com/media)

Contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or [office@indioumc.org](mailto:office@indioumc.org).

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Church App or at [www.indioumc.com/give](http://www.indioumc.com/give).

### **CALENDAR:**

**September 28** – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**September 28**—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**September 28** – Youth Group (grades 6-12) - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM in the youth room.

Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**Sept. 29—Oct. 5** – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**September 30** – Bell Choir Practice 4:00 PM Sanctuary.

**October 1** – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**October 1** —Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

**October 5** – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

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