



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 139:23)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Search Me, O God...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **And Know My Heart***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"In the Lord's field, which is the church, at times what was grain turns into weeds [and vice-versa]; and no one knows what they will be tomorrow."

~ St. Augustine

READ SCRIPTURES

Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Prelude In C Major

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

Michael Cundari, Organ

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach, Public Domain

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schriener

In the midst of strife, God is with us!

Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.

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*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

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Song # 124466

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

Gardener of Life, the seeds you have planted in our lives are beautiful gifts. We want them to grow in our world. We want them to grow in our lives and in our church. Nourish us in our hunger.

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Strengthen us in our weakness. Heal our hatefulness with your love, and revive us when death and despair threaten our growth. Bless us with new life and abundant growth. We long to grow in the garden of your love. In hopeful trust, we pray. 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: A Farmer In a Field Insert

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Tune: Aaron Williams, Public Domain (UMH 540 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord)

A farmer in a field sowed good and healthy seeds.
But in the cover of the night, somebody planted weeds.

The wheat grew tall and strong, but thistles flourished, too.
The workers saw the mix of them and wondered what to do.

The farmer wisely said, "They'll grow as one today,
But when we harvest all the wheat, we'll throw the weeds away."

O Lord, we want to know why evil prospers here —
Why, next to love and justice, grow such hatred, pride and fear.

God, may we humbly see the harvest still is yours;
And one day we'll be blessed to find that love is what endures.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Romans 8:12-25 (NRSVue)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSVue)

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the

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wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Awesome God (2x)

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Song # 41099

Our God, is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is and awesome 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

Sonate No.8, “Pathétique” by Ludwig van Beethoven
2nd Movement

Michael Cundari, Piano

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, Public Domain

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Margie Schriener

Compassionate Creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts we return, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. We offer this with joy, in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Song # 50200

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;

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Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
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

Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus
Michael Cundari, Organ

arr. James Mansfield

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Malin Williams & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Margie Schriener
Guest Organist: Michael Cundari
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.org/media
Contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or office@indioumc.org. Secure online
contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

July 19 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

July 20—July 24 – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)

July 22—Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

July 23 - Bridge Donations - Garage Open 8:30 to 10:00 am

July 24—Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

July 25 - Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry. Contact Cathy Bocker for more
information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.

July 26—Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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