



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 67:2)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: "May Your ways be known..."

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: Your saving power for all."

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"We have the seed of the gospel word. It is up to each of us to set the priorities and to do the things that make our soil good and our harvest plentiful." ~ Dallin H. Oaks

READ SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:6-15 – John 14:23-29

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

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Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Kristina Langlois

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise be to God!

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***HYMN**

Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love

UMH 422

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CCLI Song # 121232

1. Jesus, thine all-victorious love
shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove,
rooted and fixed in God.

2. O that in me the sacred fire
might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire
and make the mountains flow!

3. O that it now from heaven might fall
and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call,
Spirit of burning, come!

4. Refining fire, go through my heart,
illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part
and sanctify the whole.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, calling us
beyond the narrow confines of our waking minds. Open our hearts
this day, as you opened the heart of Lydia before us, that we might**

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understand Christ's teaching, offer gratitude and hospitality with others, and share his presence with those we meet. May the word of God, sown within us during our time of worship, yield a bountiful harvest to bless your world. Amen.

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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 UMH 596**
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CCLI Song # 314094

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

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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 READINGS Acts 16:6-15 - John 14:23-29 Rev. Amanda Burr, Liturgist

Acts 16:6-15 (NRSVue)

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

John 14:23-29 (NRSVue)

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with

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them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE **Where the Spirit of the Lord Is (2x)** TFWS 2119
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CCLI Song # 27484

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is peace
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is love
There is comfort in life's darkest hour
There is light and life
There is help and power in the Spirit
In the Spirit of the Lord

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.

BELL OFFERING *Fantasia on Hymn to Joy* arr. Jeffrey Honoré
Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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DOXOLOGY *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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Spirit, you are our guide and our peace. As we offer these gifts today, help us trust in Your presence, knowing that You are at work through us. May these financial resources fund ministries that bring comfort and assurance to others, just as Jesus' words bring peace to our hearts. In his name, we pray. Amen

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***HYMN** **Forward Through the Ages** **UMH 555**
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1. Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

***Please rise in body and spirit.**

2. Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died. **[Refrain]**

3. Not alone we conquer,

not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.

Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal. **[Refrain]**

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

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Order of Worship – May 25, 2025

May 26-30 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

May 27 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

May 27 – Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

May 28 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

May 28 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

May 29 - 8:00-10:00 AM donations for the Bridge in the garage.

May 31- We go to the Bridge at 8:00 AM.

June 1 - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

June 1 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Adult Classroom.

June 1 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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