



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 148:13)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “Praise the Lord’s name...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: Exalted in glory.”

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite.” ~ F. F. Bruce

READ SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

Musette
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Herbert Sumsion

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

P: Let praise to God fill the earth!

L: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

P: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

L: Open your hearts and spirits today.

P: Let us praise the Lord today and always!

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***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

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CCLI Song # 40306

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

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Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Teach our eyes to see, Holy One, as you see. For we long to stop drawing distinctions that separate friends from foes, and insiders from outsiders. We yearn to love without prejudice and to accept without judgment. Make your home among us, that we might be made one and whole through your loving Spirit. 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: The Gift of Love UMH 408

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CCLI Song # 67327

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35 Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

Acts 11:1-18 (NRSVue)

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from

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Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

John 13:31-35 (NRSVue)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians* arr. Lloyd Larson
 Chancel Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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

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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

God of new beginnings, you promise a new heaven and a new earth. As we give today, we pray that these gifts infuse peace, justice, and love for all. May our offerings be a step towards the vision of renewal that you have set before us. Through the power of your Son, we pray. Amen.

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***HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West UMH 548**

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CCLI Song # 1511982

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,

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and all are kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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May 19-23 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

May 20 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

May 21 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

May 21 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

May 25 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Adult Classroom.

May 25 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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