

## ARE YOU THINKING UNDER DURESS?



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 85)  
*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: Restore us, Lord.*  
*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: Forgive us.*

### REFLECT ON QUOTE

*Central to peoples' trust that all will be reconciled [to God] is the belief that untold masses of people suffering forever doesn't bring God glory. Restoration brings God glory; eternal torment doesn't. Reconciliation brings God glory; endless anguish doesn't. Renewal and return cause God's greatness to shine through the universe; never-ending punishment doesn't. GOD IS BETTER THAN THAT!*      A Quote from ***Love Wins*** by ROB BELL

### READ SCRIPTURE

*Romans 7:14-25a & Mark 6:14-29*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 14, 2024

### Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

"Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness"

arr. Karl Osterland

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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## WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

### **\*CALL To WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 85)**

L: LORD, you have forgiven the guilt of your people. Will you not give us new life that we may rejoice in you?

**P: LORD, show us your love and grant us your deliverance.**

L: Let us hear the words of GOD who proclaims peace to his people and loyal servants.

**P: Guide us, gracious LORD, so we do not return to our foolish ways.**

L: Deliverance is near to those who worship GOD, so that glory may dwell on earth.

**P: Love and faithfulness have come together; justice and peace have embraced.**

L: Faithfulness appears from earth and justice looks down from heaven.

**ALL: In the Light of the LORD, the earth shall prosper, and the harvest will be plentiful. Justice will go in front of the LORD and peace on the path GOD treads.**

\*HYMN

***“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”***

UMH #166

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1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;

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by thee, the outcast and poor were sought  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
Who was a servant, that we might be free,  
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
Are high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
And given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord in  
Heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is LORD;  
And GOD the Father be by all adored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:**

God of Grace and Wonder, Jesus was the one who brought you close, touching us with your powerful presence. Even today, we tend to imagine you seated afar off looking down from a heavenly throne rather than realizing that you are right next to us, your spirit moving in and through us, cueing us with whispers and prodding us to walk in paths of peace. When we find ourselves judging our neighbors harshly, reign us in; clear our heads and remind us that your mercy is poured out abundantly for all. Jesus forgave those who abandoned and betrayed him in his last moments. He adjures us to do the same, to move beyond fear, to let go of resentments, and to focus on "doing all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can." Empower us to be instruments of your Love and Peace. In the name of the Christ we pray. 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:

### ***“Be Thou My Vision”***

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Song #3063376

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

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Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 7:14-25a

Terri Rae Elmer

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now, if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! **Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 6:14-29

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**Mark 6:14-29 Introductory verse 6b:** As Jesus went round to villages teaching, he summoned the Twelve and sent them out two by two with authority over the unclean spirits.....

Now, King Herod heard of Jesus' for his name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; it is for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' Therefore, Herodias had a grudge against

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him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod **feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.** But on Herod's birthday an opportunity came. He gave a banquet for his courtiers, officers, and the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and Herod said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, **even half of my kingdom.**' She went to her mother and said, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, '**The head of John the baptizer.**' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me, here and now, the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' **The king was greatly distressed** yet because of his oath and his guests, he could not bring himself to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went to the prison and beheaded John. Then he brought the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

MESSAGE

**“DISTRESSED THINKING”** Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

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

“This Is My Song “

UMH #437

Sandy Griffiths, Vocal – Jerry Bursch Accompanist

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CCLI Song # 668362

\*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! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving Lord, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts accepting eagerly your promise of grace and eternal life. Empower us to share what we have and what we believe for the advancement of your kingdom here on earth. In the name of the Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN: **“O Spirit of the Living God”** UMH #539

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1. O Spirit of the living God,  
thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more,  
and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,  
which blind our eyes to thee.  
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips  
with flaming love and zeal,  
to preach to all thy great good news,

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God's glorious commonweal.

3. Teach us to utter living words  
of truth which all may hear,  
the language all may understand  
when love speaks loud and clear;  
till every age and race and clime  
shall blend their creeds in one,  
and earth shall form one family  
by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ  
who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life  
which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness,  
which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach  
creation's glorious goal!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda

HYMN OF PARTING

“Shalom to You”

UMH #666

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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

O God Beyond All Praising arr. David Cherwien  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

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*Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, **we serve and welcome** the people of Coachella Valley, **nurturing discipleship** through prayer, worship, and outreach.*

*Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.*

*Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contact Church Office: 760-347-1046 or [indioumc@gmail.com](mailto:indioumc@gmail.com)

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Secure online contributions to the church can be made at [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com). Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

**July 14** – Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

**July 15-19** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM

**July 17** – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**July 17** – Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**July 21** – Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

## Worship Volunteers

We need worship volunteers **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

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Remember volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

**Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735**

**Passcode: 235938** Or direct link from our website [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com)

The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

All livestream for services are available at [indioumc.com/live](http://indioumc.com/live).

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The only way to connect to Live streaming Church is to use the link or go to the Church website indioumc.com homepage and click on Sunday Worship.

The link for Solomon's nest will not change from Sunday to

Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0ZublIFeXRIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 880 4320 9859**

**Passcode: 259277**

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## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR July 15, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Psalms 17, 18 & Acts 19:1-20	Psalms 25-27 & Acts 20:17-38	Psalms 34, 35 & Acts 22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
Psalms 19-21 & Acts 19:21-41	Psalms 28-30 & Acts 21:1-14	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
Psalms 22-24 & Acts 20:1-16	Psalms 31-33 & Acts 21:15-40	

**THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

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**SOTV Prayer List (Week of 07-15-24) New prayer requests are in bold print**

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Peggy T., Jessie, Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Ronna S., Sharon E., Janet R., Sara M., Gary N., Brian B., Leonard T., Judy B., Vanessa L., Carol E., Kathy B., Nancy S., Bob K., Gail J., Kim B., **Susan S.**,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., Allan M., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Mary D.,
3. For those in need of healing: Julie K., Tom G., Pat B., Carolyn G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Greg R., Jan W., Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Gerda, Kristi R., Riley Family., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Leeann S., Sue M., Bob S., Bob K., Felix C., Margie S., Macee F., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Pastor Doug P., David S., Cherie, Faye B., Joseph P., Anne M., Robert M., Mike M., April T., Barbara S., Connie B., Linda W., Charley, Teresa C., Barbara G., Beverly S., Gary B., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Moggy E., Bryce R., A.S., Denise M., Norm E., Sandy W., Pam M., Regina S., Alex O., Tina E., Sadie Rose J., Jann Y., Dick S., Bonnie L., Penny G., Marc M., Wayne A., Tim P., Susan S., Norma P., Pastor David L., Sally N., Robbie G., Ruth P.L., Liz C., Sam H., Sean L., Christine D., Sarah, David P., Nancy P., Paula S., Kristin P., Jill B., Katherine G., Margie O., Mike H., Roseanna R., Jesse C., Don D., Penne M., Jose, Steven M., Jan C., Donna P., Jimmie B., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Liz B., Bob G., Carla B., Laura B., Maria V., Betty H., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Ashley, Logan H., Alice P., Sabine S., Greg S., Luc C., Truett B., Pastor Gerel H., Winston V., Mike B., Bob P., Lisa S., Kathryn G., Darcy W., Gary B., Bob W., Sue H., Cindy M., Nancy D., **Sharon E., Barb S., Annie S., Craig S., Kent S.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Matthew B.,
5. For persons awaiting test results: Bob W., Bob P.,
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: John M., President Jimmy Carter, Windell T., David S., Jon C., Allan M., Dorothy M., Loraine G., Maria N., Heidi B., Phyllis F., **Krista M.**,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Connie C., Christine H., Cameron D., Micha Family, Tammy M., James S., **Mathew S., Becky B., Wiley W.**,
8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Citlali C., Abby K., Sharon K., Diane

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S., Kathy S., Suzy V., Cindy M., Bridgette B., Marie V., Cathy W., Vanessa L. and Mom, Evelyn N., Donna and Bobby P., Angela, Sharon D., Dion S.,

9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and for protection for our first and front-line responders.
10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Danlin M., Gus K.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Alissa K.,
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:
13. For those in times of transition: Robert S., **Pastor Jay T**
14. For those who must travel: Dardani Family, Marcia R., Pam J., Rodney H., Margaret H., Carter Family, **Diane V., Ross H., Nancy W., Holly P., Matt and Erin P., Mark and Angel F., Barbara G., Margie S.,**
15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: St. John's UMC Watts, All United Methodist Conferences, Lahaina UMC, Echo Park UMC, East District UWF,
16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council, and Alex M., Nasrine J. and Family, Kendra and Jason (health and happiness)
18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and for people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather related challenges)
20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Lauren, **Joe C.**,
21. For those whose lives have been challenged by extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and Global Warming.
22. For racial justice and harmony
23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.
24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Kyle R.,
27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.
28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people.
30. For the Middle East and its people
31. We give thanks for old friends and new.
32. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
33. For all creatures great and small, Ash W., Rusty B., Boru I., Spencer G.,

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34. For unspoken prayer requests
35. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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