



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Psalm 29:1)

*In For A Count Of 4: Ascribe to the Lord ...*

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... Glory and Strength*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Everything we do, even the smallest gesture, sends ripples of influence into the world.”*

~ Anonymous Proverb

**READ SCRIPTURES**

Matthew 3:13-17

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 11, 2026

**Baptism of the Lord**

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Chuck Marohnic

Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Margie Schriener

L: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

**P: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

L: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

**P: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

L: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

**P: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

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**\*HYMN**

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

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1. Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2. Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
deaf we are: our healer be;

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loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
heal the word, by our sin broken.

4. Word that speaks your Father's love,  
one with him beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,  
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

**Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, you call us beloved and delight in us as your own. As your light once shone through Jesus at the Jordan, let it shine in us, that the ripples of your justice and mercy might flow outward into the world. Wash us clean, renew our spirits, and make us a people of hope and holy possibility, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

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1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.
2. He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:13-17

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Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSVue)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is

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proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Lord God, Almighty*

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Song # 943269

Lord God, Almighty  
Redeemer, only true God  
To be worshipped and praised  
How can we tell you  
how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord,  
And teach us to love.

Father, we praise you.  
Jesus, we love your  
Spirit, we thank you for  
The gifts of new life  
How can we tell you  
how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord,  
And teach us to love.

#### 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.

CHORAL OFFERING

*I Give You My Heart*  
Chancel Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

by Reuben Morgan

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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**

Margie Schriener

**God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendid ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.**

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**\*HYMN**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

UMH 605

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CCLI Song # 2613112

1. Wash O God our sons and daughters  
Where Your cleansing waters flow  
Number them among Your people  
Bless as Christ blessed long ago  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling  
Compass them with love and light  
Fill anoint them send Your Spirit  
Holy dove and heart's delight

2. We who bring them long for nurture  
By Your milk may we be fed  
Let us join Your feast  
Partaking cup of blessing living bread

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

God renew us guide our footsteps  
Free from sin and all its snares  
One with Christ in living dying  
By Your Spirit children heirs  
3. O how deep Your holy wisdom  
Unimagined all Your ways  
To Your name be glory honor  
With our lives we worship praise  
We Your people stand before You  
Water washed and Spirit-born  
By Your grace our lives we offer  
Recreate us God transform

\*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

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker  
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Mitzi Kerwien  
Liturgist: Margie Schriener  
Music Director: Jerry Bursch  
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**January 11** – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 11– Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.  
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**January 12—16 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**January 13 —Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**January 14– Men’s Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan’s Restaurant in Indio.

**January 14—Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 18—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary

**January 18—Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom

**January 18 – Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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