



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Psalm 37:3, Luke 6:36)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: "Trust in the Lord..."*

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: Do Good, Show Mercy."*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"God's love does not love that which is worthy of being loved, but it creates that which is worthy of being loved."~ Martin Luther*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 - Luke 6:27-38

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Prelude

Munich

arr. Aaron David Miller

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

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**\*HYMN**

How Can We Name a Love

UMH #111

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CCLI Song # 1442116

1 How can we name a Love  
that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know  
or think or do  
or seek or find?  
Within our daily world,  
in every human face,  
Love's echoes sound  
and God is found,  
hid in the commonplace.

2 If we awoke to life  
built on a rock of care  
that asked no great reward  
but firm, assured,

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was simply there,  
we can, with parents' names,  
describe, and thus adore,  
Love unconfined,  
a father kind,  
a mother strong and sure.

3 When people share a task,  
and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new,  
to make or do  
with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will  
is better understood,  
that all should share,  
create, and care,  
and know that life is good.

4 So in a hundred names,  
each day we all can meet  
a presence, sensed and shown  
at work, at home,  
or in the street.  
Yet every name we see,  
shines in a brighter sun:  
In Christ alone  
is Love full grown  
and life and hope begun.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Almighty God, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews. Weave your love into our service of praise. 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:        They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love        TFWS #2223

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CCLI Song # 26997

1. We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

2. We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land. (Chorus)

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3. We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride (Chorus)

4. All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one (Chorus)

SCRIPTURE READINGS I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 - Luke 6:27-36 (NRSV)

Margie Schriener, Liturgist

*I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Luke 6:17-26*

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“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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.

Bell Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Bell Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director

arr. Sandra Eithun

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

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CCLI Song # 3063266

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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

**Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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\*HYMN

Pass It On

UMH #572

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CCLI Song # 14284

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on

2. What a wondrous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

3. I wish you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain-top

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

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

Exultation

arr. G. Winston Cassler

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)

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Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

**Feb. 23** - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Feb. 24-28** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**Feb. 25** - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

**Feb. 25** - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary<sup>26</sup>

**Feb. 26** - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**Feb. 26** - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**Mar. 2** - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Mar. 2** - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**Mar. 2** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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

Remember to 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!

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

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Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0ZubIIFeXRIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 880 4320 9859**

**Passcode: 259277**

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### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR February 24, 2025**

Monday Numbers 11-13 & Mark 5:21-43	Thursday Numbers 18-20 & Mark 7:1-13	Sunday Numbers 28, 29 & Mark 9:1-29
Tuesday Numbers 14, 15 & Mark 6:1-32	Friday Numbers 21, 22 & Mark 7:14-37	
Wednesday Numbers 16, 17 & Mark 6:33-56	Saturday Numbers 23-25, 26, 27 & Mark 8:1-38	

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

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**SOTV Prayer List (week 2-24-25) New prayer requests are in bold print**

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Gary N., Malin W., Pat B., Terry C., Brian B., Luc C., Dale N., Suzanne S., Nancy T., **Sandy G., Penne M.,**
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Jeanne H., Carol T., Don P.,
3. For those in need of healing: Tom **G.**, Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Sue M., Bob K., Margie S., Sherry A., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Joseph P., Anne M., Connie B., Linda W., Barbara G., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Denise M., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Wayne A., Susan S., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Penne M., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Truett B., Darcy W., Bob W., Sue H., Sharon E., Annie S., Nikki M., Tommy S., Carol Q., Sandi H., Daniel J., Julie S., Peter C., Billy N., Meghan B., Terry G., Ken C., Cheryl T., Nathan S., Kerrie D., Carlos G., Luisa S., Charlotte B., Paula O., Dick S., Jessie L., Julie K., Lin M., Tyson N., Gerda P., Stella Rose W., Krissy C., David J., Shelly P., Sandy N., Dawson D., Meaghan W., Dorothy C., Toby J., Joy H., Blanche W., Rhonda R., SJ L., Marie V., Santiago Q., Pat B., Carolyn G., Bill G., Jerry V., Matt S., Roger L., Lee B., **Terry Ann S., Pope Francis, Nancy L., Cheryle W., June H., Janice R.,**
4. Those facing surgery: Stephen S., Mark M., **Dan H.,**
5. For persons awaiting test results: Craig S., Mrs. W.,
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Maria N., Phyllis F., Marie R., Tom C., Cindy W.,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Kathryn W., Felix C., Allen S., Janice S., **Tim P.,**
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., Kathy S., Cindy M., Donna and Bobby P., Luisa S. and family, Caitlyn K., Kelsey S., Annette, Novia M., Buck H., Rose and Ken H., Sigl Family, Bryona W., Logan H., Alex W., Bobby P., Paul C.,
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 frontline responders
10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Danlin M., Abby K.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Taylor H., Talia S., Maddy P., Cristy G.,
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:

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13. For those in times of transition: Batten Family, Amanda B., **Eileen V.**,
14. For those who must travel: **Tamera and George M.**,
15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: All United Methodist Conferences and All churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.
16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council, Bishop and Cabinet
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: Joe C., Darren B.,
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 and all our Veterans 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. We give thanks for old friends and new.
31. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
32. For all creatures great and small, Roxy P., Kahuna P., Rusty B., Ranger K.,
33. For unspoken prayer requests
34. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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