



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on John 10)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Seek and Follow Christ ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **... Who Came to Bring Life.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd ‘calls His sheep by name.’”

~ Pope John Paul II

READ SCRIPTURES

John 10:1-10

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Festival Alleluia
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Dan Miller

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

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*HYMN

To God Be The Glory

UMH 98

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Song # 23426

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

Christ, our Shepherd and our gate, when we would rather chart our own course than be led, call us again with your gentle voice and draw us back to you. When we resist being shepherded and insist on finding our own way, remind us that true safety is found in your care. Even in our restless resistance, we are tired of our weariness. We long to dwell secure in safe pastures and lie down in peace. 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: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (vs. 1-4,6) UMH 138
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Song # 1442453

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 10:1-10

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John 10:1-10 (NRSVue)

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me (2x)

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Song # 28603

*Please rise in body and spirit.

see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? **[Refrain]**

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. **[Refrain]**

*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

Partita on Lancashire
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Kevin Hidebrand

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Sharon Ellis
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

- April 26**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- April 27-May 1** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)
- April 28** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- April 29**—**Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio
- April 29**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 3** —**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- May 3** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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