



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER** (Psalm 31:1)

*In For A Count Of 4: **In You, O Lord....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **... I Seek Refuge.***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"The church is not a collection of perfect stones, but of living ones—uneven, weathered, and held together by grace." ~ Karl Barth (adapted)*

**READ SCRIPTURES**

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16    I Peter 2:2-10*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2026

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

*Neo-Classique*  
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

The Lord is our refuge.

**We can find peace in God's abiding love.**

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

**When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.**

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

**We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. Amen.**

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\*HYMN

*Christ For the World We Sing*

UMH 568

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Song # 7277375

1. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,

to Christ belong.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

**Master Builder, shape us for glory as you form our lives into something that endures. Move us beyond the comfort of promises yet to come, and call us into a royal priesthood—living stones shaped by your hands into a spiritual house that blesses your world. We pray in the name of Christ, the living stone, who builds us together in love. Amen.**

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation* (v 1-2,4-5)

UMH 545

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Song # 55377

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

SCRIPTURE READINGS      *Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 / Peter 2:2-10*      Terri Rae Elmer

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (NRSVue)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.  
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

I Peter 2:2-10 (NRSVue)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

\*HYMN

We Are God's People

TFWS 2220

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Song # 4991100

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by the Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Christ we stand:  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return  
The gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead;  
God wills us be a family,  
Diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own  
Each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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                                      *Jesus Shall Reign*                                      arr. Sharon Elery Rogers  
Bell Choir    Jerry Bursch, Director

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\*DOXOLOGY    *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*                                      UMH 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! Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION                                      Terri Rae Elmer

**Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we’ve heard your voice. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

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\*HYMN                                      *Here Is Bread, Here is Wine*                                      TFWS 2266  
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CCLI Song # 983717

1. Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,

Christ is with us here.

2. Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find his peace,  
feast on Jesus here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.

3. Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
We'll proclaim, till he comes,  
Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly  
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread  
and the cup.  
**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(*UM Book of Worship*, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)

*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.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN OF PARTING

*Shalom to You*  
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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

Order of Worship – May 3, 2026

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

*Earth And All Stars*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Keith Kolander

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker

Ushers: Drew Patterson , Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney

Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer

Music Director : Jerry Bursch

Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

- May 3**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our communion table.
- May 3** – **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.  
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- May 4-8** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- May 5** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- May 6** – **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- May 6** —**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 9** — **UWF—9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 10** —**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- May 10** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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