



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 84:11-12)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “O God, My Shield...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: I Trust in You.”

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84 – Ephesians 6:10-20

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE:

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

arr. Lloyd A. Larson

Jerry Bursch, accompanist

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

P: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

L: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

P: I will take up the shield of faith, with which I shall defend against evil ways.

L: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

P: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

L: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

P: I place my confidence and trust in God always. (© Nancy Townley)

*HYMN

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

UMH #513

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CCLI Song # 185924

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
thru his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

2. Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued,
but take to arm you for the fight
the panoply of God;
that having all things done,
and all your conflicts passed,
ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone

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and stand entire at last.

3. Pray without ceasing, pray,
(your Captain gives the word)
his summons cheerfully obey
and call upon the Lord;
to God your every want
in instant prayer display,
pray always, pray and never faint,
pray, without ceasing pray.

4. From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray,
tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry
in all his soldiers, "Come!"
till Christ the Lord descends from high
and takes the conquerors home.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Mighty God, we want to follow you faithfully, but our strength ebbs and flows. Be our strength when we are weak. Be our faith when we face doubt. Be our guide when we start to wander away. Be our dwelling place when we feel most alone and remind us that your love is always enough. 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.

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*HYMN:

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH #600

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CCLI Song # 47392

1. Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven. **(Refrain)**

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever. **(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 84 - Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV) Margie Schriener

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of

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springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

God's Household: Strong in the Lord

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.

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OFFERTORY

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”
Vocals – Janet Wysong,
Jerry Bursch, Accompanist
Words and Music: Public Domain

TFWS #2146

*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! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.

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*HYMN:

“Standing on the Promises”
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CCLI Song # 31803

UMH #374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

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2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. **[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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing”

arr. Jonathan Ruess

Jerry Bursch, accompanist

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/live

Contact Church Office: 760-347-1046 or indioumc@gmail.com

Contact pastormatt@indioumc.com

Secure online contributions to the church can be made at www.indioumc.com. Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

August 25 – Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

August 26 - 30 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM

August 28– Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

August 29 – Donations for the Bridge 8:00 – 10:00 AM in the garage.

August 31 – We go to the Bridge at 8:00 AM.

September 1 – Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

September 1– 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.

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 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

Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR August 26, 2024

Monday Psalms 128-131 & 1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Thursday Psalms 139-141 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Sunday Psalms 148-150 & 1 Corinthians 11:16-34
Tuesday Psalms 132-135 & 1 Corinthians 8	Friday Psalms 142-144 & 1 Corinthians 10:14-33	
Wednesday Psalms 136-138 & 1 Corinthians 9	Saturday Psalms 145-147 & 1 Corinthians 11:1-15	

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

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SOTV Prayer List (Week of 8-26-24) New prayer requests are in bold print

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Sara M., Gary N., Carol E., Bob K., Kim B., Susan S., Bobby B., Malin W. Sandy G., Shannon S.,
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., Mary D., Jeanne H., Carol & Mike T.,
3. For those in need of healing: Julie K., Tom G., Pat B., Carolyn G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Greg R., 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., Sue M., Bob S., Bob K., Felix C., Margie S., Macee F., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Pastor Doug P., Cherie P., Joseph P., Anne M., Robert M., Mike M., Connie B., Linda W., Charley, Barbara G., Beverly S., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Moggy E., Denise M., Norm E., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Dick S., Bonnie L., Penny G., Wayne A., Susan S., Norma P., Pastor David L., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Kristin P., Margie O., Jesse, Penne M., Jose, Jan C., Donna P., Jimmie B., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Carla B., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Logan H., Truett B., Winston V., Mike B., Bob P., Lisa S., Kathryn G., Darcy W., Gary B., Bob W., Sue H., Cindy M., Sharon E., Barb S., Annie S., Craig S., Kent S., Norma J., Megan P. Carol T., Silvia Q., Cassie C., Andrea M., Nikki M., Jason B., Tommy S., Johnny S., Amethyst M., Carol Q., Sandi H., Ken S., Lupe A., Lori W., Glenn B., Sabine S., Chen, **Aline H.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Matthew B., Abby K., Melissa D., John W., **Lyle M., Patti S., Terry Ann S.**,
5. For persons awaiting test results: Bob W., Bob P.,
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Jimmy C., Windell T., Jon C., Maria N., Phyllis F., **Paul M.**,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Tammy M., James S., Becky B., Heidi B., Peter J., Mike E., Krista M., Paul L., Faye B., Eulogio B., Linda G., Jan W., John L., **Allan M., Robert G., Marjorie B.**,

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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 S., Kathy S., Cindy M., Cathy W., Donna and Bobby P., Angela, Sharon D. Luisa S. and family, Tia J., Marc M., and Family (Brady), Caitlyn K., **Marie and David V.,**
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., Danielle G.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Mary T.
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:
13. For those in times of transition: Robert S.,
14. For those who must travel: Pam J., Rodney H., Lynn R., **Lisa and Noel,**
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 Nasrine J. and Family,
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., Debbie E.,
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., Luke T.,

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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, Rusty B., Spencer G., Millie C. Jake P., **Jeter R., Mimi K.,**
34. For unspoken prayer requests
35. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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