



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 67)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Sing with Joy and Gladness.***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **...of God's Saving Power***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"The risk of love is that it may require us to cross the lines we have drawn to keep ourselves safe."
~ Henri Nouwen

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-28

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schriener

Sometimes we get the feeling that we are the only ones that the Lord loves.

Open our hearts to see all the people who are loved by the Lord.

We want Jesus to be our sole possession.

But Jesus reaches out to all others in need.

Lord, forgive our selfishness.

Open our hearts to find healing and restoration that we might be better disciples.

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*HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings (v 1-4)

UMH 383

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Song # 231043

1 This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2 For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

3 Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4 Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

God of persistent love, we long for the courage to cross the lines that divide us. When we retreat into familiar ways and hesitate to move toward those who feel different or distant, stir within us a deeper openness. Give us courage to stay present when it is uncomfortable, patience to listen when it would be easier to withdraw, and faith to trust that grace is waiting in the very place we are afraid to go. 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:	O Christ, the Healer We Have Come	UMH 265
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	Song # 1730268	

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

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3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 15:10-28

Margie Schriener

Matthew 15:10-28 (NRSVue)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away,

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for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Lord, You're Beautiful (v 1 & 2)
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Song # 14514

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1 Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

2 Oh Lord You're wonderful
Your touch is all I need
And when Your hand is on this child
Your healing I receive

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.

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*Please rise in body and spirit.

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

Margie Schriener

God of Hope, your promises sometimes feel distant amid the brokenness of this world. Open our eyes to the needs of others and awaken us to your call. Use these gifts to spread your Word and uplift communities across the globe. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

UMH 385

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Song # 1510653

1. Let us plead for faith alone,
faith which by our works is shown;
God it is who justifies,
only faith the grace applies.
2. Active faith that lives within,
conquers hell and death and sin,
hallows whom it first made whole,
forms the Savior in the soul.
3. Let us for this faith contend,
sure salvation is the end;
heaven already is begun,
everlasting life is won.
4. Only let us persevere
till we see our Lord appear,
never from the Rock remove,
saved by faith which works by love.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

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*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

Higher Ground
Jerry Bursch, Clavinova

arr. Mark Hayes

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Shurlow
Liturgist: Margie Schriener
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matt McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

August 16 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

August 16– Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

August 17-21 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)

August 21—Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

August 23 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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