



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Galatians 5:1)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “For freedom Christ...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: ... has set us free.”

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only God can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of God on whom their life depends”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

READ SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13-25

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 29, 2025

Third Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE:

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Howard Helvey

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*Please rise in body and spirit.

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we are thirsty for your freedom in our lives.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

We come and worship you, knowing that you will meet us here.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

Thank you, Lord, for freeing us from slavery to sin and death.

Your freedom enables us to live by the Spirit.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

We are set free! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* (v1-3,5) UMH 579

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Song # 1517065

1 Lord God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made;
your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Lord God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

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5 Lord God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Speak to us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, as we worship this day. Bind us together into a community of love and peace. Live and move in our lives, that we may grow faithfulness, and display the love, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity you have planted in our souls. 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: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (v. 1, 3-5)* UMH 500
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 Song # 2083

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:13-25 Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

Galatians 5:13-25 (NRSVue)

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

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CCLI Song # 23488

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, all afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God. fall afresh on me.

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

Salvation Unto Us Has Come by Robert Hobby

Chancel Choir & Bell Choir - Melissa Pryor, Timpani

Jerry Bursch, Director

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

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CCLI Song # 3063266

*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

Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

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- 1) Where charity and love, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.
- 2) With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
- 3) Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
- 4) Let strife among us be unknown let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours Christ's holy peace
- 5) Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
- 6) Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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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

Come with Rejoicing
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Robert Leaf

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June 29 - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Hosted today by Linda Bolinger.

June 30-July 4 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

July 1 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

July 2 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

July 2 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

July 6 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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