



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 98)

*In For A Count Of 4: Make a Joyful Noise...*

*Out For A Count Of 4: Sing Praises to God...*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”*

~ Kate McGahan

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Luke 19:28-40

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

**Easter Sunday**

PRELUDE:

*Variations and Processional  
on This Joyful Eastertide*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Raymond H. Haan

Steve Reints and Corey Gemme, Trumpets  
Rhonda Budlong-Reints, Cymbals - Melissa Pryor, Timpani

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Don't weep! Don't mourn! There is great Good News!

**P: Christ the Lord is risen today!**

L: Death has lost its sting.

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God's light.

**P: Christ the Lord is risen today.**

L: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let the light of God's love flood into your lives. Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (verses 1-3,5-6)*      UMH 302  
CCLI / Streaming: 1256912 / 20574634  
CCLI Song # 4882752

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
  
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM                    *He Lives!*                    arr. Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director  
Steve Reints and Corey Gemme, Trumpets

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death but find life instead. Take us back to that moment of faith when fear was healed by hope and, death was swallowed by life. As a community of faith bound in eternal love with Christ, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude before we shout our truth that Christ is alive and is here to offer eternal life in his name. Amen.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

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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: *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

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CCLI Song # 424764

1. Easter people raise your voices

Sounds of heaven in earth should ring  
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices  
Heavenly music let it ring  
Alleluia Alleluia  
Easter people let us sing

2. Fear of death can no more stop us

From our pressing here below  
For our Lord empowered us  
To triumph over every foe  
Alleluia Alleluia  
On to victory now we go

3. Every day to us is Easter

With its resurrection song  
When in trouble move the faster  
To our God who rights the wrong  
Alleluia Alleluia  
See the power of heavenly throngs

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12 – Terri Rae Elmer, Liturgist

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they

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were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

EASTER MESSAGE

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.

BELL OFFERING

*The Strife is O'er*      arr. Kevin McChesney  
Bell Choir - 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

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!

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. May our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.**

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**\*HYMN:**

*Thine Be the Glory*

UMH 308

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CCLI Song # 21837

1 Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

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## Order of Worship April 20, 2025

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE                    Gigue On Easter Hymn                    arr. Mark Albrecht  
                                  Jerry Bursch, Organ  
                                  Steve Reints and Corey Gemme, Trumpets  
                                  Rhonda Budlong-Reints, Cymbals - Melissa Pryor, Timpani

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Contact the Church Office: 760-347-1046 or [indioumc@gmail.com](mailto:indioumc@gmail.com). Secure online  
contributions to the church can be made at [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com). Click on the GIVING tab  
and follow the instructions.

April 21-25 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**April 22 – Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.**

**April 23 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.**

**April 23** – Tai Chi today @ 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**April 24** – Bridge donations 8:00 – 10:00 am to the garage

**April 26** – Go to the Bridge at 8:00 AM.

**April 27** - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**April 27** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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