



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 25:1-9)

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

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Lead Me In Your Truth***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

~ George Eliot

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:23-32

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Paul Baloche

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

When our words and our actions struggle to find agreement,
God still sees the direction we are turning.

When our resistance softens slowly, unevenly, unsure of itself,
Christ welcomes the change however it comes.

When we fear it is too late to become who we were meant to be,
the Spirit assures us that the story is not yet finished.

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*HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

UMH 166

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1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought: Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant, that we might be free,
Humbling thy self to death on Calvary: Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow: Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;

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And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

How quick we are to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are very weak and are easily drawn away by cares and fears. We pledge ourselves to working for your kingdom but find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop our commitments to serving you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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:

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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Song # 3188749

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;

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he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. **(Refrain)**

3 Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. **(Refrain)**

4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. **(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 21:23-32

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Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSVue)

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same,

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and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First (v. 1)

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Song # 1352

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Alleluia Alleluia

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

First Song of Isaiah

arr. Jack Noble White

Chancel Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

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Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Melissa Pryor

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. Amen.

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*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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Song # 158243

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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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 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

Woodlands

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Malin Williams
Ushers: Malin Williams & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matt McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

September 27—Sunday– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 27– Sunday -Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

September 28-October 2 - Mon—Fri – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom.
(Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

September 30 — Wednesday –Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

September 30— Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 30—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

September 30 – Wednesday –Special Called Charge Conference—7:00 PM via Zoom.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89929562250> Meeting ID: 899 2956 2250

October 4 — Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

October 4 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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