



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Isaiah 43:2-3)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “I hope in God...*

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: ... who is my refuge.”*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.”*

*~ Hans urs von Balthasar*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 3:23-29 – Luke 8:26-39

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

June 22, 2025

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE:

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Howard Helvey

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**WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

**P: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.**

L: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

**P: Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.**

L: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

**P: Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always.**

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**\*HYMN**

*In Christ There is No East or West*

UMH 548

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Song # 1511982

1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,  
And neither slave nor free;  
Both male and female heirs are made,  
And all are kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**\*Please rise in body and spirit.**

**God of unity and grace, as deer thirst for streams of water, our souls thirst for your reviving presence. We thank you for the promise of the gospel, and we rejoice that faith in Christ tears down the walls that divide us. You alone, O God, unite, restore, and make us whole. May our fellowship with one another and with you free us from all earthly distinctions and bind us together in the love and grace of Christ.**

**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:

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH 428

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Song # 1510804

1 For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

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3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-29 – Luke 8:26-39 Margie Schriener, Liturgist

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVue)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSVue)

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” for Jesus had commanded

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the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Through It All*

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Through it all through it all  
I've learned to trust in Jesus  
I've learned to trust in God  
Through it all through it all  
I've learned to depend upon His word

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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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**

*Glorify the Almighty!*  
Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

by Sandra Eithun

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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!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.**

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\***HYMN**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,

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give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

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

*My Heart Rejoices*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. David Paxton

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Order of Worship – June 22, 2025

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com)  
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.

**June 22 - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.**

**June 23-27** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**June 24** - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

**June 24** - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

**June 25** - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**June 25** - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

**June 26** - Bridge donations 8-10 AM to the garage.

**June 28** - We go to the Bridge at 10 AM.

**June 29** - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**June 29** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

**Want to assist in our feeding ministry – The Bridge on the last Saturday of every month. Contact the office for more information.**

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