



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER** (Based on Psalm 16:11)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Lord, In Your Presence....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **... Is Fullness of Joy.***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.”*

*– Frederick Buechner*

**READ SCRIPTURES**

*1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

Variations on “Victory”

arr. Janet Linker

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

Even though we have not seen the Lord, we love God.

**Even though we have not touched Christ’s wounds, we believe.**

Seeing Christ’s love alive among us, we declare:

**“We have seen the Lord!”**

As mercy is offered and peace is shared;  
as love takes flesh in our midst, our lives proclaim:

**“My Lord and my God!”**

Let us not doubt, but believe.

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\*HYMN

*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

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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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

**Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In Christ's name, we**

**pray. Amen.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Christ Is Alive*

UMH 318

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Song # 68041

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and dwell in every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*I Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31*

Terri Rae Elmer

I Peter 1:3-9 (NRSVue)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31 (NRSVue)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

\*HYMN

**We Walk by Faith**

TFWS 2196

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Song # 2591911

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

4 That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
in full and endless sight.

5 We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

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

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Timothy Albrecht

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\*DOXOLOGY     *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*     UMH 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!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION     Terri Rae Elmer

**Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.**     (© 2026 umcdiscipleship.org)

\*HYMN     *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*     UMH 614  
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CCLI Song #127171

1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this pledge that you do love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With our sainted ones in glory  
seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us,  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly  
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

(United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread  
and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(UM Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)*

*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.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*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      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*      arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker

Ushers: Malin Williams , Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney

Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer

Music Director : Jerry Bursch

Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

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**CALENDAR:**

**April 12**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our communion table and Linda White for Coffee Fellowship.

**April 12 – Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.

Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**April 13-17 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**April 14 – Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**April 15 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**April 15 – Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**April 19 – Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.

**April 19 – Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom.

**April 19 – Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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