



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Psalm 84:4)

*In For A Count Of 4: Happy are those who ...*

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... Ever sing your praise*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God.*

~ Oswald Chambers

**READ SCRIPTURES**

Luke 18:9-14

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

October 26, 2025

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

Aria  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Paul Manz

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Terri Rae Elmer

We come to God, acknowledging our shortcomings, but knowing we are forgiven.

**We come to rejoice in God, our Savior!**

We come to pray, knowing we have fallen short, but that God lifts us up.

**We come to praise God, who hears our prayers!**

We come to be the body of Christ, for we are on the journey of faith together, and we need each other.

**Come, let us worship the Lord with praise and celebration!**

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**\*HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

UMH 131

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Song # 91678

1. We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens  
his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name;  
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,  
our God with us joining,  
ordinating, maintaining  
his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning  
the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side,  
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,  
thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still  
our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation  
escape tribulation;

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thy name be ever praised!  
O Lord, make us free!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord! We long to draw near to You and feel Your presence among us. We acknowledge our flaws and limitations, crying out for Your mercy. We gather together to worship You, offering praise and thanksgiving for your unlimited love and grace. Bless us as we worship You together, and as we open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us. Teach us to trust in You, so that we might grow in Your likeness, Lord. Amen.

## 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:                   *It's Me. It's Me. O Lord*                   UMH 352**

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## Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,

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standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

1 Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

2 Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 18:9-14

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He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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CHORAL RESPONSE

*Humble Thyself* (2x)

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Song # 26564

Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord  
And He shall lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up

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

*Sunshine In My Soul* arr. Sandra Eithun  
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!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Terri Rae Elmer

**Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In**

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**Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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\*HYMN

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

UMH 371

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CCLI Song # 25297

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful  
is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden  
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."  
He had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.  
(Refrain)

3. In pity angels beheld him,  
and came from the world of light  
to comfort him in the sorrows  
he bore for my soul that night.  
(Refrain)

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.  
(Refrain)

5. When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

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(Refrain)

\***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

Trumpet Tune  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Andrew Carter

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker  
Ushers: Malin Williams & 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) or contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or [office@indioumc.org](mailto:office@indioumc.org). Secure online contributions to the church can be made on our Church App or at [www.indioumc.com/give](http://www.indioumc.com/give).

**CALENDAR:**

**October 26**— You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
Thank you to Linda White for hosting.

**October 26—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary

**October 26 – Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.  
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

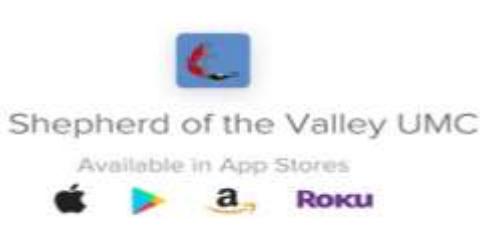
**October 27-31 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**October 28—Bell Choir Practice 4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**October 29 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**October 29—Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**November 2 – Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.



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