



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Acts 17:28)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Sustained by our Creator...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **The Source of All Life.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because we are created by God and for God.”

~ Augustine of Hippo

READ SCRIPTURES

I Peter 3:13-17 Acts 17:22-31

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Timothy Albrecht

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Amanda

Seek God, all who long for truth.

Search for wisdom, all who ache for meaning.

Where shall we go to find what we seek?

In God we live and move and have our being.

The desire for God stirs deep within us.

God is in us, and we are in God.

Wait with hope for the Spirit of truth.

We come, ready to worship.

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*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

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Song # 3193600

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain: O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice! **(Refrain)**

3. O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight, **(Refrain)**

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show! **(Refrain)**

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care! **(Refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Pastor Amanda

For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
we pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own,
who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...

**Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and
love shine forth. Grant that we, their children, may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
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: *You Formed Us in Your Image Lord*

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1. You formed us in your image, Lord;
You call us your own children.
In you, each one is loved, adored —
Unique among the millions.
Bless, Lord, the families
Who know the joy: Christ claims and frees!
Bless, too, the ones who weep,
Forgetting that you love them.

2. You made our homes to honor you
With love the strong foundation.
In serving God and neighbor too,
We find our life's vocation.
Bless families large and small
Who love and serve you when you call.
Bless, too, the ones who fear —
Whose trust and love are shattered.

3. Christ loved and honored family,
Yet showed us what is greater.

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He taught a higher loyalty
To God our good Creator.
Bless, Lord, the ones who long
To build up homes where faith is strong.
Bless children, women, men
Who risk to serve your kingdom.

4. In home and church our faith is formed;
We learn your love and caring.
From here we're called to face the storm,
Your love and justice bearing.
Each day your Spirit sends!
We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.
Peace, justice, joy we bring
To all your human family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS I Peter 3:13-17 Acts 17:22-31 Pastor Amanda

I Peter 3:13-17 (NRSVue)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

Acts 17:22-31 (NRSVue)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord

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of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,
‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus, Name Above All Names (2x)

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Song # 21291

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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

Only By Grace

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

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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 Pastor Amanda

Generous and loving God, we remember those who have encouraged, taught, forgiven, and loved us. Our offering today is a response to all that we have received. Use these gifts to lift and bless others, as you have so faithfully done for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569
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CCLI Song # 2257437

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil

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and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. **(Refrain)**

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. **(Refrain)**

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. **(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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Malin Williams
Liturgist: Pastor Amanda Burr
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

- May 10**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 11—15** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)
- May 12** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- May 13**—**Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio
- May 13**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 17** —**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- May 17** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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