



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Psalm 118:14)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: "The Lord is my strength...*

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: my might and salvation."*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise."*  
~ Carl Knudsen

**READ SCRIPTURE**

John 20:19-31

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 2025

**Second Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE:

Repose

arr. Keith Kolander

Steve Reints, Trumpet - Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,

**P: who comes to us, risen and whole!**

L: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ

**P: who brings to us peace and new life!**

L: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future

**P: the future calling us to be a resurrection people!**

**\*HYMN**

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH # 322

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CCLI Song # 27783

1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**God of new life, move through the locked doors of our hearts. Open us to your love moving in the world. Instruct us as you did the disciples. Make a new church of us, a blessed place where we live in unity. Renew us in the power of your Spirit, that we may have life in your name and go wherever you send us in Jesus' name. 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:

We Walk by Faith

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CCLI Song # 2591911

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

2. We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But 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 lives of faith are done,  
In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (CEB) Janet Wysong, Liturgist

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It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *Close Encounter of a Jesus Kind*

Rev. Lynn Reece

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 *Simple Gifts* arr. Nancy Van Zant  
Rhonda Budlong-Reints, Bells - Jerry Bursch, Piano

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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! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Peaceful God, as we remember the risen Christ offering peace to His disciples, we bring these gifts before you, filled with gratitude for the new life and hope you have given us. Just as Jesus sent his followers into the world with the message of forgiveness, may these offerings be used to share that message of peace, healing, and reconciliation with others. Bless these gifts, that they may help spread the good news of your resurrection and bring light to a world in need of your love. Amen.** (©2025 David S. Bell. Reprinted with permission from [www.DavidSBell.org](http://www.DavidSBell.org))

**\*HYMN**

**Christ Is Alive**

**UMH # 318**

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CCLI 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.

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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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lynn Reece

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

Trumpet Tune  
Steve Reints, Trumpet - Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Keith Kolander

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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.

**April 28-May 2** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**April 29** – Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

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Order of Worship – April 27, 2025

**April 30** – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**April 30** – Tai Chi today @ 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**May 4** - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**May 4** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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