



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 32:10)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “Steadfast love surrounds...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: all who trust the Lord.”

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“God’s love does not love that which is worthy of being loved, but it creates that which is worthy of being loved.” ~ Martin Luther

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32 - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 –Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE **SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD**

ARR. JOHN CARTER

JERRY BURSCH, CLAVINOVA - JEANNINE MANTHEY, VIOLIN

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

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***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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CCLI Song # 40306

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

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4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In your love, O God, we are never lost. In your care, O Christ, we are ever found. Your steadfast love knows no bounds and your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and find our way home. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Keith Christopher

Chancel Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director

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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)

Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed

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him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN:

God is So Good

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1. God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
God's so good to me

2. God cares for me
God cares for me
God cares for me
God's so good to me

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3. God loves me so
God loves me so
God loves me so
God's so good to me

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC When God Ran Benny Hester / John Parenti
Pastor Matt McPhee, Vocal - Jerry Bursch, Piano

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DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 95)

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES
HERE BELOW. PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST; PRAISE FATHER, SON,
AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded of your boundless love and mercy. Just as you welcome us home with open arms, may these offerings reflect our desire to serve others and bring them closer to your embrace. Bless these gifts, that they may help reconcile, heal, and restore lives, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

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***HYMN** Amazing Grace (v 1-3,6) UMH 378
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CCLI Song # 2382625

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

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

I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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.mazin

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Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, we serve and welcome the people of Coachella Valley, nurturing discipleship through prayer, worship, and outreach.

Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.

Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/live

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Mar. 30 - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 31 - April 4 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

April 1 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

April 1 - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

April 2 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

April 2 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

April 6 - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

April 6 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

April 6 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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We need volunteers to worship **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

Remember to volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735

Passcode: 235938 Or direct link from our website

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The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

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