



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on John 10:27)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **I Know My Sheep....**
 They Hear and Follow*

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." ~ Saint Augustine

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 - Acts 9:36:43

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

PRELUDE:

Life Tree
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. David Cherwien

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

P: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

L: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

P: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

L: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

P: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

L: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

P: And we will dwell in God's house forever.

*HYMN

He Lives!

UMH 310

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CCLI Song # 17597

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today,
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near

Chorus: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last. (Chorus)

3. Rejoice rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King.
The Hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Chorus)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mother's Day Litany:

We thank you, God, for our mothers, and for those who were like mothers to us.

For those who nurtured, supported, and enabled us to grow and mature in faith.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

We thank you for those who have been like mothers to children not their own, offering unconditional love and guidance to the children in their midst.

We thank you for the gift of creativity that you planted within us, men and women alike, that enable us by your spirit to give birth to a new creation.

We pray for those who parent children, for the joy and challenge of their vocation;

Grant them the courage and grace to parent to the best of their ability, knowing that when their best efforts fall short, you offer your grace and forgiveness.

We also join our hearts with those for whom today is a day of grief and mourning:

Those who have lost their mothers, or are estranged from their mothers; for those who grieve the loss of a child, or for whom motherhood is a hope denied.

O God of compassion, who took on our earthly frame and shared our sufferings in Jesus, send your healing spirit upon us, and empower us to deal tenderly with one another.

Thank you for being our Heavenly Parent, and for teaching us how to love and care for one another. Amen.

(adapted, Rev. Jeff Krehbiel)

***HYMN: Faith of Our Mothers**

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1. Faith of our mothers, living still,
fresh in our memories, held in our hearts.
Here or in heaven, their deeds live on,
spreading the joy God's love imparts.

Chorus: Faith of our mothers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, hoping still,
praying for every daughter and son,

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

building us up as a family in Christ,
working that we may all be one. (Chorus)

3. Faith of our mothers, loving still,
trusting the truth of kindness and grace,
sharing God's Spirit in service and strength,
living life well, and running faith's race. (Chorus)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of awe and wonder, amid sorrow and loss, you wipe away the tears from our eyes. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, help us remember that we too are agents of your miracles and mighty works when we embrace the power of your Holy Spirit in Christ's name. When the darkness threatens to overcome our world, may the wonders of your love shine through us to bring your light to the world. 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 - Acts 9:36:43

NRSVue

Marie Schriener, Liturgist

Psalm 23 (NRSVue)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Acts 9:36:43 (NRSVue)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

*Please rise in body and spirit.

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE *Shepherd Me, O God*

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

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 *Behold The Best, The Greatest Gift* arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

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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

God of resurrection and hope, we remember Dorcas and her life of service to others. May the gifts we set on the altar today reflect her spirit of generosity and compassion. Use them to raise the brokenhearted and breathe new life into those in need. Glory be to you, now and forever. Amen.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*HYMN

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

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CCLI Song # 24078

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

4. Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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.

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Robert A. Hobby

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May 12-16 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

May 13 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

May 14 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

May 14 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

May 15 - Leadership 6:00 PM Adult Classroom.

May 18 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Adult Classroom.

May 18 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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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