



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 27:1)

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

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

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27 – Luke 13:31-15

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude If You But Trust In God To Guide
 arr. William Berkstrand
 Jerry Bursch, Organ - David Latulippe, Flute

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

P: We place our trust in Jesus.

L: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on a urgency.

P: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem

L: Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

P: Let us follow God's leading.

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*HYMN

We Sing to You, O God

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1. We sing to you, O God,
The Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name
In all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised,
In joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

2. We wandered far from home
out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love
our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within
your arms and sheltered us
against the storm.

3. You bear us through the world,
an eagle to her young,
Who rises on her wings and
bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light
and air and trust in your unfailing care.

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4. O God, eternal God,
we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom
our praises ring.
Your Word is true,
Your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of embracing love, gather us under the wings of your love, even as Jesus longed to gather Jerusalem into the arms of his love. Send your Holy Spirit into our worship this day, that we may be strengthened for the time ahead.

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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:	Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling	UMH 348
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	CCLI Song # 28380	

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
Refrain: Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;

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earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 27- Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV) Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

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Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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 *If You but Trust in God to Guide You* Arr. David Cherwien
Chancel Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director
David Latulippe, Flute

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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

Merciful God, as we offer these gifts, we remember the longing of Jesus to gather us under his wings like a hen gathers her chicks. May these offerings be a sign of our desire to follow Christ's example of compassion, seeking the lost and caring for the vulnerable. We give to spread your love and peace to all who are in need, drawing us closer to your embrace. Amen.

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***HYMN**

O Love, How Deep (vs 1-3 & 6)

UMH 267

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CCLI Song # 805486

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2. For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore,
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

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

Pastor Matt

Shalom to You

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	Christian, Dost Thou See Them? Jerry Bursch, Organ	Arr. Gilbert M. Martin
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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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www.indioumc.com.

Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

Mar.16 - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 17-21 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

Mar. 18 - **The Church Office will be closed.**

Mar. 18 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

Mar. 18 - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Mar. 19 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

Mar. 19 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 20 - Leadership 6:00 PM in the Adult Classroom,

Mar. 23 - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

Mar. 23 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

Mar. 23 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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

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