



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 46:1)

*In For A Count Of 4: **God is Our***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Refuge and Strength***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"For those who love, nothing is too difficult, especially when it is done for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ."

– St. Ignacius

READ SCRIPTURES

Luke 1:68-79

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. James Ellor

Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Lynn Reece

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

*Please rise in body and spirit.

God has called all of us here beloved.

We are given new names of hope and promise.

Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.

Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days.

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*HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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1 Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2 Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3 On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

**Glorious God, as you shine your light into the darkness of our lives,
guide our feet in the way of peace. As you shepherd your people, gather
the lost and the scattered into the safety of your flock. Reign in our
hearts, as you do in the heavens, that we may endure the struggles of
this world with patience and fortitude. In the light of your radiant love, we
pray. Amen.**

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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 *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* TFWS 2171

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1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:68-79

Melissa Pryor

Luke 1:68-79 (NRSVue)

*Please rise in body and spirit.

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his child David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate
us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Way of Peace

Pastor Lynn

CHORAL RESPONSE

All Hail King Jesus (2x)

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Song # 12877

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of kings
Lord of lords
Bright Morning Star
And for all eternity
I'm going to praise Him

*Please rise in body and spirit.

And forevermore
I will reign with Him

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.

BELL OFFERING *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Ron Mallory
Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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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 Melissa Pryor

Almighty God, creator of all things, as we offer our tithes and gifts today, we recognize Christ as the One through whom all things hold together. May these offerings reflect our gratitude for salvation and reconciliation in our lives available through Christ. May our hearts be filled with Christ's peace, and may our resources be used to further the Church's mission. Amen.

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*HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

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Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator
children all are we,
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynn

*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

Improvisation and Toccata on "Diademata"
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Lani Smith

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*Please rise in body and spirit.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Mitzi Kerwien
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lynn Reece

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/media
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contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.com/give.

CALENDAR:

- November 23**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you to Linda White for Coffee Fellowship
- November 23– Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- November 24-28** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly
e-news or by contacting the office)
- November 25** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- November 25**—**Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM** offsite at Members Homes –Contact Howard
Bollinger for more information.
- November 26**– **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio
- November 29** - **Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry**. Contact Cathy Bocker for more
information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.
- November 30**—**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary
- November 30**—**Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom
- November 30** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.
- December 4**—**Charge Conference 6 PM** - Zoom with an in-person option at the Church for
those who prefer.

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