



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 32:10)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Steadfast Love Surrounds ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Trust in the Lord.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“Once you compromise your integrity, you make it easier to give in to temptation the next time.”

~ Frank Sonnenburg

READ SCRIPTURES

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 & Matthew 4:1-11

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Becky Slagle Mayo

Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda Burr

Jesus began his ministry, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

**As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

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*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

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Song # 18723

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Amanda Burr

God of wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray. Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation and often heed voices that lead us astray. Return us to the garden of your abiding love, for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits. Amen.

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SHARING OUR 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:

Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

UMH 269

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Song # 2312509

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

2 As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11 Amanda Burr

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (NRSVue)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSVue)

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Through It All (2x)
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Song # 18211

UMH 507

Through it all, through it all
I've learned to trust in Jesus
I've learned to trust in God.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Through it all, Through it all
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

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 *Praise To The Lord The Almighty* arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir, Bell Quartet - Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UM Hymnal 95)
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CCLI Song #56204

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 Amanda Burr

Almighty God, each day you open our eyes to the majesty of your kingdom. Yet we confess how often we seek what is familiar, purchasing comfort over transformation. Through these gifts, help us resist the temptations that distract us and embrace the grace that calls us forward. We pray humbly in your Spirit. Amen.

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*HYMN *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* TFWS 2105

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1 Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:

*Please rise in body and spirit.

“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:
“Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”

4 When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

*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

We’re Marching to Zion
Jerry Bursch, Clavinova and Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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Order of Worship – February 22, 2026

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Susan Skogerson
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Malin Williams
Liturgist: Amanda Burr
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.org/media
Contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or office@indioumc.org. Secure online contributions to the church can be made on our Church App or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

- February 22**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- February 22**– **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- February 23-27** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- February 24** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- February 24** —**Lenten Bible Study 5:00pm w/Pastor Matt** in the Adult Classroom & Online.
- February 25**– **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- February 25**– **Bridge Donations: Garage 8:00-9:45 AM or Fellowship Hall by 11:00 AM.**
- February 25**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- February 28** - **Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry**. Contact Cathy Brocker for more information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.
- March 1**—**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- March 1** —**Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom.
- March 1** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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