



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER (Psalm 145:8)

*In For A Count Of 4: **The Lord is Gracious....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Abounding in Love.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

~ Peter Marshall

READ SCRIPTURES

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Fred Bock

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

Come, you who are weary of trying,
weary of striving, weary of falling short.

Christ meets us not with demand, but with compassion.

Come, you who feel divided within yourselves,
wanting one thing and doing another.

In Christ, there is no condemnation, only grace.

Come, you who are tired of carrying what you cannot fix,
exhausted by the weight of your own expectations.

Christ says: "Come to me—and I will give you rest."

*HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

UMH 157

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Song # 1510

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

Holy Spirit, enter our hearts and our worship with your strength and your mighty power, that we might be renewed in your presence here. Bind us together in love, that we might lift and encourage one another, even as you lift and encourage us. Dear God, let us not hide from our sorrows, burdens, and vulnerability but instead bring them to you, trusting that you continue to welcome all of us into your gracious embrace. In your life-giving Spirit, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

UMH 526

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Song # 27714

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

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Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NRSVue)

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN

This Is My Song

UMH 437

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Song # 668362/7223586

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too and clover
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

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

Tribute to America
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 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

Terri Rae Elmer

**God of promise, we long for your peace in the midst of life's burdens.
Use these gifts to open space in our hearts where Christ may dwell more
deeply. Through faithful giving, may we come to know the rest and
renewal you freely offer. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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*HYMN

Time Now to Gather

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1. Time now to gather,
Time now to feel
Christ's holy presence
gracing this meal.
Grain from the harvest
fruit of the vine;
simple the supper,
sacred the sign.
2. Time to remember
Christ who was sent.
Time to say thank you
for all he meant.
Come to this table.
Come, without fear.
God will forgive you,
welcome you here.
3. All who are hungry,
come, and be fed.
Serve one another
this cup and bread.
All who are troubled,
hurting, or sad,

come, and find healing.
Come, and be glad!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread
and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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.**

*BENEDICTION

*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

Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful"
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Rex Koury

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers:, Sharon Ellis & Linda Shurlow
Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer
Music Director : Jerry Bursch

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:

- July 5–** You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our
communion table.
- July 5 – Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- July 6-10 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)
- July 8 – Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- July 10 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- July 12 – Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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