



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 139:13-14)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Lord, you formed me...***

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **in wonderful ways....***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“Jesus’ most pressing concern before leaving the earth was our unity. He was looking ahead, to every generation of believer. And as he prayed, he made it clear that our witness as his body in this fractured, messed-up, chaotic world would depend on our love for another.” ~ Ed Galisewski

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Jerry Bursch, Keyboard

by Christina Shehi

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*Please rise in body and spirit.

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

Look around. What wonders we behold!

We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.

Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.

Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.

Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.

Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.

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*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

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CCLI Song # 785135

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear

Now to His temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord

Who o'er all things

So wondrously reigning

Bears thee on eagle's wings

E'er in His keeping maintaining

God's care enfolds all

Whose true good He upholds

Hast thou not known His sustaining

3. Praise to the Lord

Who doth prosper thy work

And defend thee

Surely His goodness and mercy

Here daily attend thee

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

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Who with His love doth befriend thee

4. Praise to the Lord
Who doth nourish thy life
And restore thee
Fitting thee well for the tasks
That are ever before thee
Then to thy need
God as a mother doth speed
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

5. Praise to the Lord O let all
That is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen
Sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Amanda Burr

O God, our Maker and our Mender, you search us and know us—not just our words, but our silence; not just our strength, but our strain. We yearn to be more than what we've become. We long to be shaped by your mercy, not by our fear. When we resist your hands, soften us. When we feel broken, hold us fast. When we collapse under the weight of life, reshape us with your patient grace. Mold us again, Master Potter, and form in us what remains unfinished, that we may be vessels of compassion, fearfully and wonderfully made. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN: Jesus Lord, We Look To Thee (v 1-5) UMH 562

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1. Jesus, Lord, we look to thee;
let us in thy name agree;
show thyself the Prince of Peace,
bid our strife forever cease.

2. By thy reconciling love
every stumbling block remove;
each to each unite, endear;
come, and spread thy banner here.

3. Make us of one heart and mind,
gentle, courteous, and kind,
lowly, meek, in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.

4. Let us for each other care,
each the other's burdens bear;
to thy church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.

5. Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21 Amanda Burr

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSVue)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,

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and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Philemon 1-21 (NRSVue)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow
soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear
of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray
that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend
all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command
you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of
love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of

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Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

HYMN:

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

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CCLI Song # 3379644

1 Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,

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the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4 Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

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 *Seek and Ye Shall Find* Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel 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

**Lord, we come to you today aware of the challenges that come with
following You. Help us to understand what it truly means to carry our
cross every day and to walk in love, humility, and service. May these
gifts be a sign of our commitment to seek your kingdom first, trusting
that you will always provide for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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HYMN: Let Us Be Bread (2x) TFWS 2260

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

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

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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

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

To God Be the Glory
Jerry Bursch, Keyboard

arr. John Carter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/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.com/give.

CALENDAR:

September 7 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 7 – Youth Group (incoming 6th-12th grade) meets at 5:00 PM. Please speak with Margie Schreiner for more information.

September 8-12 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (The link is available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

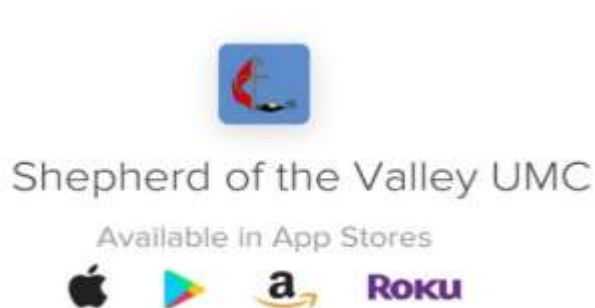
September 10— Tai Chi—10 AM

September 10 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 13— UWF—8 AM —12 PM Fellowship Hall.

September 14 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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