



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER**

*In For A Count Of 4: Today, May We Comprehend....  
Out For A Count Of 4: ... Your Epiphany In Our Midst.*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“God, The Divine Attractor, does not push us, but rather invites us, calling out to us, with reassuring words: “Come. Do not be afraid to connect with us.”*  
– Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

**READ SCRIPTURES**

*John 1:1-18; Ephesians 1:3-14*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 4, 2026

**Second Sunday After Christmas – Epiphany Sunday**

PRELUDE

*Still, Still, Still*

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Bells - Rhonda Budlong-Reints      Piano - Jerry Bursch

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Rev. Matt McPhee

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

Break into shouts of Joy for Jacob's sake, lead the nations crying loud and

clear, sing out your praises and say:

**“The Lord has saved the people and preserved the remnant of Israel.**

See how God brings them out of exile from the norther land; gathering them from the far ends of the earth, the blind, and lame, the woman with child, the woman in labor.

**A vast company comes home weeping as they come, but God shall comfort them and be their escort.**

God shall lead them by streams of water; their path will be smooth, and they will not stumble, for God is with them. Praise be to God.

(adapted from Jeremiah 31:7-9)

\*HYMN

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

UMH 88

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Song # 190012

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

**Gracious God on this Epiphany Sunday we step back and remember the beginning when you brought all things into being and giving form to what was chaos and void. We humans were part of that beginning,**

**awkward and off balance in a wild and untamed world with so much to learn about you, and our role. May we, as your children, cultivate reason, thoughtfulness and sound principles on which we can depend as we seek to serve you, the earth, and our neighbors near and far. All this we pray in the name of the Christ. Amen**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art (v. 1-2)*

UMH 77

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Song # 14181

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power through-out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds swing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and heat the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18*

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Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSVue)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he

lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

John 1:1-18 (NRSVue)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*John's God of Reason*

Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

\*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living  
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Song # 4445649

TFWS 2008

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. The law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving;  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

#### 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

*O Come, Little Children* arr. Patricia Cota  
Bells - Jerry Bursch, Lynn Dokken, Mary Sue McElvin,  
Rhonda Budlong-Reints, Steve Reints, and Janet Wysong

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\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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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!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Terri Rae Elmer

**Gracious and ever-generous God we ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer to support and empower the ministries of the church. In this troubled and divided world, you have called us to serve one another with kindness and generosity. Multiply our tithes and offerings mightily that they may enrich our efforts to reach out in love to our church, our community and our neighbors. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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\*HYMN

*Come, Share the Lord*

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CCLI Song # 106408

1. We gather here in Jesus' name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

2. No one is a stranger here  
Everyone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs

3. He joins us here He breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The One we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

4. We are now the family  
Of which the Lord is head  
Though unseen He meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread

5. We'll gather soon where angels sing  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share 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.**

(United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

### 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.**

(The United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

### 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.**

(UM Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)

*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

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Susan Skogerson

Ushers: Linda Whitney & Sharon Ellis

Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer

Accompanist : Jerry Bursch

Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.com/media](http://www.indioumc.com/media)

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**CALENDAR:**

**January 4**— You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 4— Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.

Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**January 5 - 9** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**January 6** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**January 7** - **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**January 7** - **Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 10**—**UWF—9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall

**January 11** —**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary

**January 11**— **Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom

**January 11** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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