


Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 96:1,3)
*In For A Count Of 4:* ***O Sing to the Lord...***
*Out For A Count Of 4:* ***… Tell of His Glory***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**
*" When we can see the image of God where we don't want to see the image of God, then we see with eyes not our own." ~ Richard Rohr*

**READ SCRIPTURE**
Genesis 1:26-27 Matthew 22:15-22

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 18, 2026
## Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE *Slane* arr. John Carter
Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Margie Schriener

Created in God's image,
**we gather to remember whose we are.**
With competing loyalties pulling at our hearts,
**we strive for lives that reflect God's reign.**
When fear, status, or ambition seek to claim us,
**Christ anchors our identity as God's beloved children.**

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*HYMN *We Are God's People* TFWS 2220

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Song # 4991100

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of the Spirit, established by the Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead;
God wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:

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Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Margie Schriener

**Holy One, we long for lives that reflect your reign, yet too often we give our allegiance to lesser things. We seek approval more than faithfulness, security more than trust, and status more than love. Free us from every false claim upon our hearts, and teach us to live from the deep assurance that we are created in your image and claimed as your own. 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: *Living For Jesus (v 1, 3-4)* TFWS 2149

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Song # 20687

1 Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:
O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to thee;
for thou in thy atonement
didst give thyself for me.

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I own no other master,
my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.

3 Living for Jesus wherever I am,
doing each duty in his holy name,
willing to suffer affliction or loss,
deeming each trial a part of my cross. [Refrain]

4 Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26-27-Matthew 22:15-22 Margie Schriener

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”
So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSVue)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a

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denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE *More Precious Than Silver* TFWS 2065
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Song # 11335

Lord You are
More precious than silver
Lord You are
More costly than gold
Lord You are
More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire
Compares with You

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. More Precious Than Silver

BELL OFFERING *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Bell Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94
CCLI / Streaming: 1256912 / 20574634
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!

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Margie Schriener

**Wise and Generous God, all we have belongs to you. Inspire us to give with open hands and trusting hearts. Use these gifts to share the abundance of your love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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*HYMN — *Take My Life, And Let It Be* — UMH 399

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Song # 7012031

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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*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 *Postlude from All Glory Be to God On High* arr. Wilbur Held
Jerry Bursch, Organ

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Malin Williams & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Margie Schriener
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matt 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:

**October 18-Sunday–** You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**October 18– Sunday -Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**October 19-23-Mon—Fri** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**October 20-Tuesday –Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**October 21-Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**October 21—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**October 25 — Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.

**October 25 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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