



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 130:5)

*In For A Count Of 4: **I Wait For The Lord ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **... In His Word I Hope.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“The Christian life is participation in the encounter of Christ with the world.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoffer

READ SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-45

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Paul Manz

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

May we be called to the light of righteousness.

As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.

Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

Praise be to Jesus who has given us life.

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*HYMN

Hope of the World (verses 1-3, 5)

UMH 178

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Song # 643002

1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.

Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign

HOLY BAPTISM

Violet Marie Kogus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

Lord of life, we come to you carrying our worry and our pain. Too often, in

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moments of loss, we question your presence instead of turning toward your help. Help us trust your promise of healing and life, and teach us anew that you are the resurrection and the life. Remind us that you weep with us in our grief and lead us toward newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Breath on Me, Breath of God

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Song # 99481

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

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4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 11:1-45

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John 11:1-45 (NRSVue)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know

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that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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CHORAL RESPONSE

My Tribute

UMH 99

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Song # 11218

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has 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.

CHORAL OFFERING

Is There Room For a Sinner? arr. Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir 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

Melissa Pryor

Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper

UMH 551

Tune: AZMON (O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57)

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1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light.
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth and height.

2. To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

3. There is one Body and one Hope,
One Spirit and one Call,
One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,
One Father of us all.

4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

5. For us Christ lived, for us he died
And conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

*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.

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Order of Worship – March 22, 2026

In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Mailin Williams
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Malin Williams
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
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:

- March 22**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 22**– **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- March 23-27** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- March 24** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- March 24**—**Lenten Bible Study 5:00pm w/Pastor Matt** in the Adult Classroom & Online.
- March 25**– **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- March 25**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 25** - **Bridge Donations - Garage Open 8 to 9:45 am & Fellowship Hall 10—11 AM**
- March 28**—**Bridge Ministry**. Contact Cathy Brocker for more information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.
- March 29**—**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- March 29** —**Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom.
- March 29**– **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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