



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Jeremiah 17:7)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “**Blessed** are those who...*

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Trust in the Lord.**”*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and part of growing up is learning the art of giving.~ Miroslav Volf*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

I Corinthians 15:12-20 - *Luke 6:17-26*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 16, 2025

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

Prelude

St. Columba  
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. John Carter

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”

**P: May we learn to depend on God’s abundant provision.**

L: Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”

**P: May we learn to follow Christ’s call to provide for the hungry.**

L: Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”

**P: May we learn to extend God’s comfort and hope to those in need.**

L: Jesus declared, “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.”

**P: May our worship teach us to rejoice as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!**

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**\*HYMN**

Great Is the Lord

TFWS #2022

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CCLI Song # 1149

Refrain: Great is the Lord

He is holy and just

By His power we trust in His love

Great is the Lord

He is faithful and true

By His mercy He proves He is love

Verse 1

Great is the Lord

And worthy of glory

Great is the Lord

And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord

Now lift up your voice

Now lift up your voice

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord (Refrain)

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Verse 2

Great is the Lord  
And worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord  
Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great is the Lord  
Great is the Lord

Verse 3

Great are You Lord  
And worthy of glory  
Great are You Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great are You Lord  
I lift up my voice  
I lift up my voice  
Great are You Lord  
Great are You Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Guardian of our souls, guide us through times of woe, and help us find your solace and peace. Strengthen us in times of sorrow, and lead us into your redeeming love. Resurrect us in times of death and despair, and lead us into newness of life, that we may be the blessing we seek for everyone we meet. Amen.**

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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**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: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH #402  
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CCLI Song # 3184437

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

SCRIPTURE READINGS I Corinthians 15:12-20 - Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

*I Corinthians 15:12-20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the

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dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Luke 6:17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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.

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CHORAL OFFERING                      *Rejoice and Be Glad*                      arr. Glenn A. Pickett  
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

**God of wisdom and discernment, we offer these gifts with trust in you, knowing that those who place their hope in you are like trees planted by the water, bearing fruit in every season. Bless these offerings that they may grow and flourish to bring life, healing, and renewal to others. May our giving reflect hearts rooted in faith and lives guided by your grace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

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\*HYMN                                      This Is a Day of New Beginnings                                      UMH #383

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CCLI Song # 231043

1 This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2 For by the life and death of Jesus,  
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.

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3 Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4 Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friend.  
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

I. Fanfare – Trumpet Tune      arr. Franklin D. Ashdown  
From Three Festive Trumpet Tunes  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

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*Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, **we serve and welcome** the people of Coachella Valley, **nurturing discipleship** through prayer, worship, and outreach.*

*Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.*

*Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Contact Church Office: 760-347-1046 or [indioumc@gmail.com](mailto:indioumc@gmail.com)

**Contact** [pastormatt@indioumc.com](mailto:pastormatt@indioumc.com)

Secure online contributions to the church can be made at  
[www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com).

Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

**Feb. 16** - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Hosted today by Linda White.**

**Feb. 17- Bridge donations 8:00 – 10:00 AM to the garage.**

**Feb. 17-21** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**Feb. 18 – Bridge donations 8:00 – 11:00 AM to the Church office.**

**Feb. 18** - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

**Feb. 18** - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**Feb. 19 – Bridge donations 8:00 – 11:00 AM to the Church office.**

**Feb. 19** - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**Feb. 19** - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**Feb. 20** - Leadership 6:00 PM in Solomon's Nest.

**Feb. 22** - We go to the Bridge at 8:00 AM.

**Feb. 23** - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Feb. 23** - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**Feb. 23** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

We need volunteers to worship **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

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Remember to volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

**Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735**

**Passcode: 235938** Or direct link from our website [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com)

The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

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The only way to connect to Live streaming Church is to use the link or go to the Church website [indioumc.com](http://indioumc.com) homepage and click on Sunday Worship.

The link for Solomon's nest will not change from Sunday to

Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0Zub  
lIFeXRIUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0ZublIFeXRIUT09)

**Meeting ID: 880 4320 9859**

**Passcode: 259277**

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR February 17, 2025**

Monday Leviticus 24, 25 & Mark 1:23-45	Thursday Numbers 3, 4 & Mark 3:22-35	Sunday Numbers 8-10 & Mark 5:1:20
Tuesday Leviticus 26, 27 & Mark 2	Friday Numbers 5, 6 & Mark 4:1-20	
Wednesday Numbers 1, 2 & Mark 3:1-21	Saturday Numbers 7 & Mark 4:21-41	

**THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

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**SOTV Prayer List (Week d 2-17-25) New prayer requests are in bold print**

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Gary N., Bob K., Malin W., Pat B., Terry C., Brian B., Luc C., Dale N., Suzanne S., Nancy T., Holly P.,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Jeanne H., Carol T., Don P.,
3. For those in need of healing: Tom G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., **Michelle N.**, Sue M., Bob K., Margie S., Sherry A., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Joseph P., Anne M., Connie B., Linda W., Barbara G., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Denise M., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Wayne A., Susan S., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Penne M., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Truett B., Darcy W., Bob W., Sue H., Sharon E., Annie S., Nikki M., Tommy S., Carol Q., Sandi H., Daniel J., Julie S., Peter C., Billy N., Meghan B., Terry G., Ken C., Cheryl T., **Nathan S.**, Kerrie D., Carlos G., Luisa S., Tim P., Charlotte B., Paula O., Dick S., Jessie L., Julie K., Lin M., Tyson N., Gerda P., Stella Rose W., Krissy C., David J., Shelly P., Dan H., Sandy N., George N., Wanda W., Dawson D., Meaghan W., Gail G., Dorothy C., Nancy B., Toby J., Nancy W., Joy H., Blanche W., Vanna Q., Rhonda R., SJ L., **Marie V., Santiago Q., Pat B., Carolyn G., Bill G., Jerry V., Matt S., Roger L., Lee B.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Stephen S., Mark M., Tom G., **Terry Ann S.**,
5. For persons awaiting test results: Craig S., **Mrs. W.**,
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Maria N., Phyllis F., Marie R., Tom C., **Cindy W.**,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Kathryn W., Felix C., Jimmy M., Robert L., **Allen S., Janice S., Bill C.**,
8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Citlali C., Abby K., Sharon K., Kathy S., Cindy M., Donna and Bobby P., Luisa S. and family, Caitlyn K., Kelsey

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- S., Annette, Novia M., Buck H., Rose and Ken H., Sigl Family, Kistler Family, Bryona W., Logan H., Alex W., **Bobby P., Paul C.,**
9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and for protection for our first and frontline responders
  10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Danlin M., Abby K.,
  11. For those who give the gift of life: Alexis G., Taylor H., Talia S., Maddy P., Cristy G.,
  12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:
  13. For those in times of transition: Kistler Family, Batten Family, Amanda B.,
  14. For those who must travel: Kistler Family, **Terry Ann S., Marcia R.,**
  15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: All United Methodist Conferences and All churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.
  16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
  17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council, Bishop and Cabinet
  18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
  19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and for people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather-related challenges)
  20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Joe C., Darren B.,
  21. For those whose lives have been challenged by extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and Global Warming.
  22. For racial justice and harmony
  23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.
  24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
  25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
  26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way and all our Veterans especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Kyle R.,
  27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.

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28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people.
30. We give thanks for old friends and new.
31. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
32. For all creatures great and small, Roxy P., Kahuna P., Rusty B., Ranger K., Kenny I.,
33. For unspoken prayer requests
34. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our live

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