



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 105:1, 3)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Give Thanks to the Lord..***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **Glory in God's Holy Name***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

The soul knows what it wants long before the mind catches up.

~ John O'Donohue

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE *Partita on Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* arr. Jonathan Reuss
 Movement 2
 Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Lynn Reece

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve.

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*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

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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're in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds
all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast though 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,
who with his love
doth befriend thee.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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

Melissa Pryor

God of hidden treasure and surprising grace, you scatter signs of your kingdom into the ordinary spaces of our lives—in conversations that catch us off guard, in moments of unexpected beauty, and in the quiet stirrings we cannot yet name. Long before we understand what we are seeking, your Spirit is already drawing us toward the pearl of great value. Open our eyes to what has been present all along, and still our restless searching long enough to receive the treasures of grace already placed within our reach. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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.

*HYMN:

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

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Song # 126529

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,

*Please rise in body and spirit.

unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Melissa Pryor

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVue)

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

MESSAGE *The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...*

Pastor Lynn

CHORAL RESPONSE *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (2x)*

UMH 405

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Song # 1352

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Shall be added unto you
Alleluia Alleluia

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 *Partita on Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* arr. Jonathan Reuss
 Movement 1
 Jerry Bursch, Bells & Clavinova

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 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 Melissa Pryor

Holy Spirit, you search the depths of our hearts and minds. You call us not only to give but also to receive your grace. As we present these gifts, draw us nearer to your presence and unite us in the love of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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*HYMN *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* UMH 344

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1. Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones

*Please rise in body and spirit.

You only asked me to follow humbly

Refrain: O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

2. You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor **(Refrain)**

3. You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving **(Refrain)**

4. You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus You call me **(Refrain)**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynn

*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

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Movement 4
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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Malin Williams & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Guest Pastor: Rev. Lynn Reece

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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CALENDAR:

July 26 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

July 27—July 31 – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)

July 29—Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

July 31—Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

August 2—Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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