



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 103:2-3)

*In For A Count Of 4: **My Soul, Bless the Lord...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Who Forgives My Sins***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"Forgiveness is the economy of the heart . . . forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the high cost of hatred, the waste of wasted years."

~ Hannah Moore

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 21-35

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. John Carter

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Lynn Reece

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Wysong

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

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*HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

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Song # 28696

1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. [Refrain]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Janet Wysong

God of extravagant mercy, our ledgers record offenses, tally grievances, and measure out forgiveness in portions we consider fair. Yet you call us into an economy of grace that defies our careful calculations. Free us from resentment and shape us into people who extend the mercy we ourselves have so freely received from your hand. 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:

Forgive Our Sins

UMH 390

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Song # 3162143

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us Lord to pray
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say

2. How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew
How trivial debts are owed to us

*Please rise in body and spirit.

How great our debt to You!

4. Lord cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease
Then bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 18:21-35

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Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVue)

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

MESSAGE

What Goes Around...

Pastor Lynn

*Please rise in body and spirit.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesu, Jesu (v 1-3)
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Song # 695737

UMH 432

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

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 *Wade In the Water* arr. Roger Emerson
Chancel Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

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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!

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Janet Wysong

God of Grace, you continually forgive and renew us. Teach us to extend that same mercy to others. Transform these offerings into ministries of compassion that reflect your love to the world. We give with grateful hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

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Song # 13209

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Chorus: He said freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

2. All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to (Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynn

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. Richard Proulx
Jerry Bursch, Organ

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Janet Wysong
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lynn Reece

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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CALENDAR:

September 13 — Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

September 13—Sunday– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 14-18 - Mon—Fri – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

September 15 — Tuesday –Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

September 16— Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 16—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

September 20 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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