



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Psalm 95:1)

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

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **the rock of salvation.***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”*

~ N.T. Wright

**READ SCRIPTURE**

John 4:5-42

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

**Third Sunday of Lent**

PRELUDE

*Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*  
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Fred Bock

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda Burr

We come to this well carrying our thirst—

**for hope, for healing, for mercy that lasts.**

In the wilderness and at the well, God meets human need.

**When we are empty, grace flows toward us.**

Jesus promises living water for thirsty souls.

**Fill us, O Christ, with life that never runs dry.**

Send us from this place renewed by your mercy.

**May your living water flow through us into a thirsty world.**

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\*HYMN

*Amazing Grace (v 1-4,6)*

UMH 378

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,

his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be,

as long as life endures.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,

bright shining as the sun,

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we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Amanda Burr

**Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. 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:

*You Who Are Thirsty*

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Song # 814453

(2x) You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink  
from waters flowing.

You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat  
of his holiness.

You who are tired, find rest.

You who are weak, find strength.

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.

(2x) He will freely feed all of them who are weak.

He will quench the righteous thirst of all who humbly seek.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 4:5-42

Amanda Burr

John 4:5-42 (NRSVue)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

*As the Deer*

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Song # 1431

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield  
to You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

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2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.  
(Refrain)

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?  
(Refrain)

\*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

*Suite for Trumpet and Organ* arr. Robert J. Powell  
Steve Reints, Trumpet Jerry Bursch, Organ

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker  
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Malin Williams  
Liturgist: Amanda Burr  
Music Director: Jerry Bursch  
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.org/media](http://www.indioumc.org/media)  
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or at [www.indioumc.org/give](http://www.indioumc.org/give).

**CALENDAR:**

- March 8**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 8**– **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.
- March 9-13** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- March 10** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- March 10** —**Lenten Bible Study 5:00pm w/Pastor Matt** in the Adult Classroom & Online.
- March 11**– **Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- March 11**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 14** — **Women's Retreat—9:00 AM—3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch Provided—Please RSVP/Register with Margie.
- March 15**—**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- March 15** —**Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM** in the Adult Classroom.
- March 15** – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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