



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 68:10)

*In For A Count Of 4: **In Your Goodness, O God ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **You Provide for the Needy.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“God withdraws from sight not to abandon us, but to teach us how to live by faith.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

READ SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

We Know That Christ is Raised
Jerry Bursch, Piano & Clavinova

arr. Keith Kolander

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schriener

We await God's instructions for our lives.

We eagerly look forward to learning more about ways to serve God.

The time is coming when our service will be needed here.

Let God's love flood through our service to others.

Wait! Listen! The time is near!

Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to hear your word for us today.

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*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

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Song # 21837

1 Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. **(Refrain)**

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.

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Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

3. We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

4. It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.

5. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11

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Acts 1:6-14 (NRSVue)

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of

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Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11 (NRSVue)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Glorify Thy Name

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Song # 1383

1. **Father**, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.

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be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

*BENEDICTION

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*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

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Order of Worship – May 17, 2026

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

Forty Days of Grace
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Jeremy Young

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Serving in Worship Today

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

- May 17**– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
May 18-22 – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news
or by contacting the office)
May 19 —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
May 20—**Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio
May 20—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
May 24 —**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
May 24 – **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

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