



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 51:1-2)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Have Mercy On Me ...**
Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Cleanse Me Of Sin.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“Though our feelings come and go, God’s love for us does not.”

~ C.S. Lewis

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:1-10; Luke 15:1:10

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE: Steal Away
Jerry Bursch, Piano arr. Rebecca Bonam

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Janet Wysong

Wanderers and wonderers . . . come and be found.

The Shepherd is calling your name.

Those who have strayed in foolishness or fear . . .
come home to a grace that never gave up on you.

All are welcome here.

All who hunger for mercy and thirst for joy . . .

Come to the house of God where the lost are found.

This is the place where all things become new.

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***HYMN**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v1-4)

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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.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Janet Wysong

***Please rise in body and spirit.**

Gracious Shepherd, you search for us even when we've lost sight of you. You call us back with mercy, not blame, and you carry us home with joy. Shape our lives into living testimonies of your relentless love, as we hold your Word in our hearts. Help us live as those who have been found, that we may share your compassion with all who feel lost, forgotten, or separated from your grace.

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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: *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* (v 1-2,4) UMH 348
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Song # 28380

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

*Please rise in body and spirit.

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 51 1:1-10, Luke 15:1-10 Janet Wysong

Psalm 51:1-10 (NRSVue)

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
 blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
 and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.

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Luke 15:1-10 (NRSVue)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Is So Good (v 2-3)

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2 God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God's so good to me.

3 God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God's so good to me.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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

No Higher Calling

Words: Lenny LeBlanc Music: Greg Gulley
Donna Parrish, Vocals - Jerry Bursch, Clarinova

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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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Janet Wysong

Redeeming God, we know what it is like to be wandering in the wilderness like lost sheep. We remember your hand, like those of a caring shepherd, guiding us back to our home in you. We seek to help others experience this same spiritual nurture. We provide these financial gifts, and our lives in service, with the hope you would use them to reach persons in need of your redeeming grace. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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*HYMN

Amazing Grace

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;

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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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

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
Jerry Bursch, Organ/Clarinova

arr. Fred Bock

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Church App or at www.indioumc.com/give.

CALENDAR:

September 14 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 14—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

September 14 – Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM-7:00 PM** in the youth room.

Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

September 15-19 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or
by contacting the office)

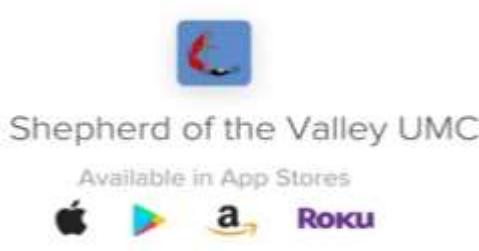
September 16 – Bell Choir Practice 4:00 PM Sanctuary.

September 17 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 17—Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

September 21 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

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