



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 124:8)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Our Help Is In The Lord***

*Out For A Count Of 4: **...Who Made Heaven and Earth***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” ~ William James*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 16:13-20

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

*Toplady*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Al Roberts

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

**Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.**

God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

**Blessed be God who watches over us.**

Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

**Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us.**

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\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

UMH 545

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Song # 55377

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping

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shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

**Lord Jesus,  
You are a Lord who walks beside your people.  
So we pray for people who walk for justice.**

**You are a Lord who raises up those who are bent low.  
So we pray for those held down by the grindings of life  
and the indifference of the world.**

**You are a Lord who feeds the hungry  
So we pray for all who long for bread  
and the means to provide it.**

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**You are a Lord who celebrates the small and the insignificant.  
So we pray for the children  
and for those who are never noticed.**

**You are a Lord who says ‘Follow me’.  
So we pray for courage and faith in our hearts  
that we may take up the cross and find it leads to life.**

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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:                      Jesus The Very Thought of Thee                      UMH 175

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Song # 35751

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

2. O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!

3. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
nor tongue nor pen can show;

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the love of Jesus, what it is,  
none but his loved ones know.

4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 16:13-20

Melissa Pryor

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVue)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Jesus, Name Above All Names (2x)*  
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Song # 21291

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Jesus name above all names  
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord  
Emmanuel God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer living Word

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## 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                      *Solid Rock / Built on a Rock*                      arr.  
Jerry Bursch, Piano

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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

**Faithful God, you reveal true power not through fear or force, but through love that gives life and builds community. You call us to know who we are because we know whose we are—your people, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your way of life over the ways of death, of courage over control, of welcome over exclusion. Use what we offer to strengthen your church as a living witness to your grace, that through our sharing and our serving, others may discover the identity of Christ and the hope found in him. Amen.**

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\*HYMN                      *Christ for the World We Sing*                      UMH 568  
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Song # 7277375

1. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,

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with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

\*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

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Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. William Matthias

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Susan Skogerson  
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Malin Williams  
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor  
Music Director: Jerry Bursch  
Pastor: Pastor Matt McPhee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.org/media](http://www.indioumc.org/media)  
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contributions to the church can be made on our Church App  
or at [www.indioumc.org/give](http://www.indioumc.org/give).

**CALENDAR:**

**August 23** – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**August 23– Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.  
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

**August 24-28 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news  
or by contacting the office)

**August 26 - Bridge Donations - Garage Open 8:30 to 10:00 am**

**August 28—Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**August 29- Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry.** Contact Cathy Bocker for more  
information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.

**August 30 – Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the  
Fellowship Hall.

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