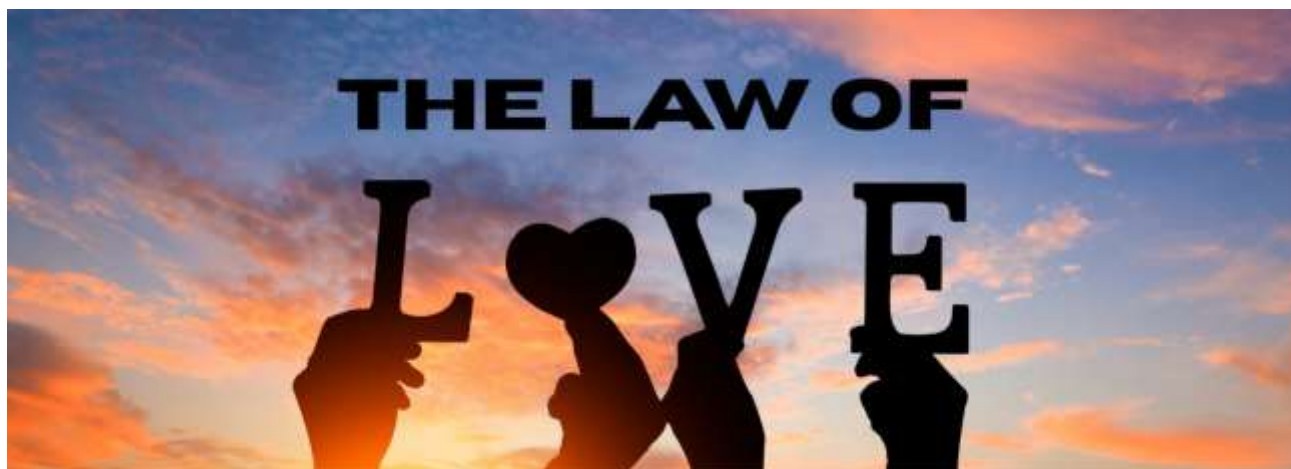




Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER (Psalm 119:3-4)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Teach Me, O Lord....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Give Me Understanding.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“To love at all is to be vulnerable.”

~ C.S. Lewis

READ SCRIPTURES

Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. John Carter

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

We will reach out others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.

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*HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

UMH 559

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Song # 7036287

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

God of difficult conversations, you meet us in the fragile, unfinished work of healing long before the wounds have closed. Help us find the courage to turn toward one another before the hurt we carry hardens into distance and the pain we bear in private erupts in harmful ways. Shape us into a community where truth is spoken gently, grace is extended imperfectly, and wounded relationships are given room to breathe again. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee (v 1-4)

UMH 562

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Song # 3030220

1. Jesus, Lord, we look to thee;
let us in thy name agree;
show thyself the Prince of Peace,
bid our strife forever cease.
2. By thy reconciling love
every stumbling block remove;
each to each unite, endear;
come, and spread thy banner here.
3. Make us of one heart and mind,
gentle, courteous, and kind,
lowly, meek, in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.
4. Let us for each other care,
each the other's burdens bear;
to thy church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20* Terri Rae Elmer

Romans 13:8-14 (NRSVue)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSVue)

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

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1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

6. Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
whose Maker is the same.

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

Simple Gifts
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Terri Rae Elmer

Faithful God, your Word speaks truth into our lives and calls us into joyful community. As we offer our gifts, may your love shine through our giving. Increase our commitment to share the Gospel with gladness and praise. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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1 As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread
and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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.**

***BENEDICTION**

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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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

Allegreto

arr. George Blake

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney

Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer

Music Director : Jerry Bursch

Pastor: Matthew M. McPhee

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CALENDAR:

September 6 – Sunday – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall. A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our communion table.

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

September 7-11 – Mon—Fri - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

September 9 – Wednesday - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 9—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

September 13 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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