



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 116:12)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **How can I repay the Lord...***

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **For all God's benefits to me...***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

Is not the bread we break that of revelation, and is not the cup we drink the cup of redemption for all? A. Burr (with thanks to Dan Feiten)

READ SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

Resurrection Medley
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

L: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart in the assembly of the upright.

P: Great are the works of the Lord, pondered over by all who delight in them.

L: God's deeds are full of majesty and splendor; God's righteousness stands sure forever.

P: God has won renown for God's graciousness, compassion and marvelous deeds.

L: Above all, God keeps his covenant always in mind decreeing that it shall endure forever.

All: Indeed, God's promises are fulfilled. Let us praise God forever.

Amen.

(Adapted from Psalm 111)

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

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Song # 7008580

1. When morning gilds the skies
my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss

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the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Oh, most Gracious God of love and mercy, we give you thanks for these continuing days of Easter. May we continue to bask in the marvelous light of the resurrection story. We pray that you will empower us to live in to and embrace the redemption you have bestowed on each of us and all of humankind without condition. Give us the courage, all the days of our lives, to repeat the glorious good news that Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.

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. Amen.

*HYMN:

Because He Lives

UMH 364

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Song # 16880

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1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. [Refrain]

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

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The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took

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place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

MESSAGE: *“Recognition in Remembrance”* Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

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 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* Arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel and Bell Choirs - Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

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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

Glorious God, of surprises and promises fulfilled, the gifts we offer remind us of all you have given to us. When we plan our giving, and make it happen, it is a sign of our recognition that the Christ lives within us. Like Cleopas and Mary, may our hearts burn within us knowing he is ever near! In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327

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1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,

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who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda

*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

Fantasy on "Morgenlied"
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Aaron David Miller

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Susan Skogerson
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Malin Williams
Liturgist: Terri-Rae Elmer
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr
Pastor: Rev. Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.org/media
Contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or office@indioumc.org. Secure online contributions to the church can be made on our Church App or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

- April 19**— You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- April 20—24** – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- April 21** —**Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- April 22** - **Bridge Donations - Garage Open 8 to 9:45 am & Fellowship Hall 10—11 AM**
- April 22**—**Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio
- April 22**—**Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- April 25**—**Bridge Ministry**. Contact Cathy Brocker for more information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.
- April 26**—**Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- April 26**— **Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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