



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 80: 18-19)

*In For A Count Of 4: **We Call on Your Name ...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Restore Us, O Lord.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"None of us knows what might happen even the next minute, yet still we go forward. Because we trust. Because we have faith." ~ Paulo Coelho

READ SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11: 23 – Hebrews 12:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE:

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Craig Courtney

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schreiner

It is good to give thanks to God,
To sing praises to God's name, O Most High.
To declare God's steadfast love in the morning,
And God's faithfulness by night
We proclaim God's love in music and praise,
We are made glad by the works of God.
Come, sing for joy, praise God's name,
For great are the works of our God!

(© Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, based on Psalm 92: 1-4)

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

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Song # 14181

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,

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and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and supplies. As they use them may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

**We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day.
Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

Loving God, we are surrounded by the cloud of faithful witnesses who have gone before us: beloved brothers and sisters who loved when we would have hated, who offered healing when we would have caused harm, and who spoke out when we would have remained silent. May we walk in their footsteps, learning courage from their sacrifice. May we learn to give so that others may receive and to love so that others may be set free. May we join that cloud of faithful witnesses, leaving footprints in which others desire to walk. Amen.

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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

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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: *Deep In the Shadows of the Past* TFWS 2246

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1 Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.

2 While others bowed to changeless gods
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name:
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
and by their tents, around their fires
in story, song, and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.

3 From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled, and expressed
new hope for changing days.

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4 For all the writings that survived,
for leaders long ago
who sifted, copied, and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength, and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11: 23 –12:2

Margie Schriener

Hebrews 11: 23 – 12:2 (NRSVue)

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by

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resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

Take My Life

arr. Craig Courtney

Vocal Duet – Sandy Griffiths and Janet Wysong

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Jerry Bursch, Piano

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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! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Margie Schriener

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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***HYMN**

We Look to You, O Jesus

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We look to you, O Jesus — in faith, our Pioneer —
For you have gone before us and brought your people here.
You showed us all God's kingdom, you gave us work to do;
In death you went before us; for life, we turn to you.

Through times of strife and anguish, through times of joy and grace,
Through conflicts with our culture, you've brought us to this place;
And still your world is changing, and still we seek to be
A church reformed, reforming in faithful ministry.

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

Perfecter of the faith, Lord, we look to you each day;
We work for peace and justice, we worship, learn and pray —
And witnesses surround us, a host of saints above,
As we continue sharing the joy of your great love.

*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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Chuck Marohnic

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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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.com/give.

CALENDAR:

August 17 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

August 17 – Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM**. Dinner provided. Contact Margie(youth director) or Melissa for more information.

August 18-22 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

August 20 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

August 24 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note: Adult Bible Study (Sundays at 9:00 AM) and Tai Chi (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM) are on break and will resume in September.

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