



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 145:8)

*In For A Count Of 4: **The Lord is Gracious...***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Abounding in Love***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“Envy is the art of counting the other fellow’s blessings instead of your own.”

~ Harold Coffin

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Healer of Our Every ill
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schriener

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.

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*HYMN

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH 97

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos – UMH 688

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Song # 2854878

1 For the fruits of this creation,
thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;

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for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

God of unsettling grace, we long to celebrate the blessings of others as freely as we celebrate our own. When envy rises before we can stop it, and comparison creeps in before we notice, open our hearts to the abundance of your love. When we prefer fairness to generosity, and recognition to joy, teach us to trust that your grace toward another does not lessen what you have already given us.

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 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:

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

UMH 121

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Song # 3063417

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 20:1-16

Margie Schriener

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVue)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them,

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‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE

Give Thanks

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Song # 2025

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

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.

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BELL OFFERING

Come Christians Join to Sing
Bell Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

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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

Margie Schriener

Giver of all good gifts, you offer us abundance beyond measure. Help us to release our grip on worldly desires and focus our hearts on your eternal grace. Accept these offerings as acts of gratitude and trust. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

Great Is The Lord

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Song # 1149

Refrain: Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

1. Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord (Refrain)

2. Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord (Refrain)

3. Great are You Lord
And worthy of glory
Great are You Lord
And worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord

*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
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love
Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Bradley Sowash

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Malin Williams & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Margie Schriener
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matt McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.org/media
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or at www.indioumc.org/give.

CALENDAR:

September 20—Sunday— You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 21-25 - Mon—Fri – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

September 22 — Tuesday –Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

September 23— Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 23—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

September 26 - Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry. Contact Cathy Brocker for more information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM.

September 27 — Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

September 27 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

September 30 – Wednesday –Special Called Charge Conference—7:00 PM via Zoom.

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