



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 112:8)

In For A Count Of 4: My Heart Is Steady ...

Out For A Count Of 4: ... I Will Not Be Afraid.

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“The kingdom of God, which Jesus came to inaugurate, is meant to create an alternate reality in this world, and ultimately to transform the kingdoms of this world.”

~ Jim Wallis

READ SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1,7-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Gather Us In
Constance Gordy, Keyboard

by Marty Haugen

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt McPhee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Pryor

*Please rise in body and spirit.

With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude.

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*HYMN

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

UMH 579

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Song # 1517065

1 Lord God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made;
your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Lord God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,

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and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Lord God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Melissa Pryor

Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through us, that we might reach out beyond our walls to the stranger, the lost, and the lonely. For we yearn to show hospitality to all, lest we fail to entertain angels when they visit us unaware. In your gracious and loving name, we pray. 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: *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS 2197
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Song # 2788717

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

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Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1,7-14

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Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSVue)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you

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would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE *There's Something About That Name* UMH 171
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CCLI Song # 14064

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
There's just something about that name
Master Savior Jesus
Like the fragrance after the rain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Let all heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away
But there's something about that name

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 *It is Well With My Soul* by Philip P. Bliss
Constance Gordy, Keyboard
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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!

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Generous God, we humbly offer these gifts in response to your Living Word. You remind us that extending radical hospitality has all to do with your love and nothing to do with our social status. If we loved those outcast in our society like we have been loved by you, our world would be a place of true acceptance and abounding joy. May it be so today! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

O For Thousand Tongues to Sing (v1-5,7)

UMH 57

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CCLI Song # 7028712

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

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7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

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

The Trees of the Field
Constance Gordy, Keyboard

by Stuart Dauermann

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Song #20546

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/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.com/give.

CALENDAR:

August 31 – You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

August 31 – Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM-7:00 PM** in the youth room.

Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

September 1-5 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

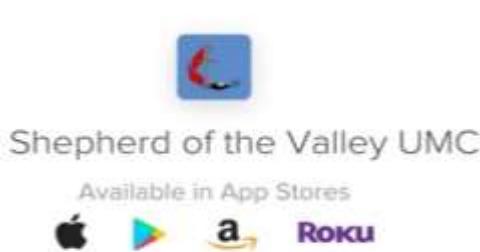
September 3 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

September 3 —Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

September 7 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary, followed by Coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note: Bell and Chancel Choirs are on break and will resume in September.

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