

Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 1:1-2)
In For A Count Of 4: ***Happy Are Those Who...***
Out For A Count Of 4: ***… Delight in the Lord****.*

REFLECT ON QUOTE
"Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea." *~ Samuel Rutherford*

READ SCRIPTURE
Matthew 22:34-46

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE *Be Still, My Soul* arr. Chuck Marohnic
Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE Pastor Matt McPhee

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Melissa Pryor

Our hearts are lifted up toward God.
God created all that is!
We celebrate that great love of God.
God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.
Rejoice and be glad today!
Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.

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*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

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Song # 40306

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,

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serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Melissa Pryor

Loving God, we long to live from the center of your love, yet peripheral obligations too often crowd out what matters most. When we mistake busyness for faithfulness, activity for devotion, and accumulation for abundance, remind us that love is the very ground we stand on, not one more item on an endless list. Renew us in your grace, that everything we do may flow from the love you have placed at the heart of all things. 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: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (v 1, 3-5) UMH 500

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Song # 2083

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1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 22:34-46 Melissa Pryor

Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSVue)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

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‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?
“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Matt

CHORAL RESPONSE *Love the Lord Your God* (2X) TFWS 2168
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Song # 1400093

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

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.

CHORAL OFFERING *O Praise the Lord* arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel 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

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Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Melissa Pryor

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness be rooted not in pride or gain, but in love that gives itself freely for others. Amen.

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*HYMN *How Can We Name A Love* UMH 111

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Song # 1442116

1 How can we name a Love
that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know
or think or do
or seek or find?
Within our daily world,
in every human face,
Love's echoes sound
and God is found,
hid in the commonplace.

2 If we awoke to life
built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward
but firm, assured,
was simply there,
we can, with parents' names,
describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined,
a father kind,
a mother strong and sure.

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3 When people share a task,
and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new,
to make or do
with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will
is better understood,
that all should share,
create, and care,
and know that life is good.

4 So in a hundred names,
each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown
at work, at home,
or in the street.
Yet every name we see,
shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone
is Love full grown
and life and hope begun.

*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 — *IV. Toccata*
From Suite Gothique, Op. 25 — by Leon Boellman
Jerry Bursch, Organ

Music: Leon Boellman, Public Domain.

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Melissa Pryor
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Rev. Matt 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:

October 25-Sunday– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

October 25– Sunday -Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

October 26-30-Mon—Fri – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

October 27-Tuesday –Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

October 28-Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

October 28 - Wednesday -Bridge Donations - Garage Open 8:30 to 9:45 am.

October 28—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

October 31 - Saturday -Bridge Feeding & Health Ministry. Contact Cathy Brocker for more information. Want to serve? A group will leave from the garage at 7 AM

November 1 — Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

November 1 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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