

Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER (based on Psalm 70:1)
In For A Count Of 4: ***O God, Deliver Me….***
Out For A Count Of 4: ***… Make Haste to Help Me.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE
"I am not a saint; unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying." ~ *Nelson Mandela*

READ SCRIPTURES
Matthew 23:1-12 Matthew 5:1-12

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost / All Saints Day

PRELUDE *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Rebecca Bonum
Jerry Bursch, Piano

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE Pastor Matt McPhee

*CALL TO WORSHIP Terri Rae Elmer

For all the saints who have touched our lives,
We give you thanks O God.
For their faithful service and dedication to the cause of Christ,
We give you thanks O God.
For their generosity of their time, their talent, and their hearts,
We give you thanks O God.
We give thanks for the ways they showed us what it means to be disciples of Jesus.
May our own lives model their faithfulness and generosity for those who come after us.

*HYMN *For All the Saints (v1-2, 4-6)* UMH 711

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Song # 4955397

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. **(Refrain)**

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. **(Refrain)**

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. **(Refrain)**

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: **(Refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Terri Rae Elmer

God of saints and sinners alike, we long to live with the mercy, courage, and faithfulness we admire in those who have gone before us. Yet fear often silences our witness, and weariness sometimes dims our hope. When we forget that ordinary acts of love shine with your light, renew us in your grace, that our lives, too, may bear witness to your love. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *Rejoice in God's Saints* UMH 708

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Song # 595442

1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 23:1-12 Matthew 5:1-12* Terri Rae Elmer

Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSVue)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Matt

*HYMN *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing* TFWS 2230

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Song # 3417616

1. Lord we come to ask your blessing
On the love that makes us one
Here as Christians to acknowledge
You are Lord and you alone

2. God of love unless you bless us
How can we each other bless
Only as you live within us
Is there depth of happiness

3. May our loving be a sharing
Of the gifts we each possess
May no failure of forbearance
Turn our love to bitterness

4. Lord we come to ask your blessing
In the presence of our friends
Grant us joy that blesses others
Grant us love that never ends

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.

BELL OFFERING *Acclamation for Bells* arr. Philip M. Young
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 Terri Rae Elmer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. As we remember them with gratitude, we offer these gifts as signs that their witness continues through us. Open our eyes to see your work in the world. Use our voices to give witness to what we have seen of your love and mercy. Use these offerings to strengthen your church, that our lives may also become a testimony to your living Word at work among us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*HYMN *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UMH 614

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Song # 127171

1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus with repentance and faith.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, until we join the church triumphant. Amen.

Words of Assurance
May Christ, who makes saints of sinners and has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you, that you may transform the world.
Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope and strength for this journey of faith.

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

… And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

… As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

… Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Reading of Names of Saints
Hal Dueck, Mary Minamide, Hisae (Sue) Nicewonger

Absent from the body: **Present with the Lord.**

… All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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.

*BENEDICTION

*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 *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. Michael Hassell
Jerry Bursch, Clavinova

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Brocker
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Terri-Rae Elmer
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Matthew M. McPhee

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:

November 1-Sunday– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall. A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our communion table.

November 1– Sunday -Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided. Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

November 2-6-Mon—Fri – **New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

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

November 4 -Wednesday -Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

November 4—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

November 8 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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