



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Psalm 91:14)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: “Those who love me...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: I will deliver.”

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“What if we view this desert time of Lent as not just a time to reflect or to lament or to confess or to fast, but a time where we learn to be free.”

~ Megan Westra

READ SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - Luke 4:1-13

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME
JERRY BURSCH, PIANO

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

L: May our commitment be as strong.

P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey.

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*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

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CCLI Song # 1448

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;

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death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Merciful God, your light shines in our darkness and your ways lead to life. Help us cleave to your enduring word and your faithful promises, rather than turning to shallow comforts that do not endure. May we lead live lives worthy of our calling, that we might aid others who have lost their way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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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: Jesus Tempted in the Desert TFWS 2105

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1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,
Lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your pow'r,' the tempter tells him;
'Turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'Can the human heart be filled.

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Only by the Word that calls us
Is our deepest hunger stilled!"

2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,
High above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
Angels wait to break your fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
Feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
We must never vainly test.'

3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain
By the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
Turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

4. When we face temptation's power,
Lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
Come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
Lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
Be the Word we hear, obey.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)
Terri Rae Elmer, Liturgist

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as
an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall

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take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him,

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“It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Arr. Sandra Eithun
Bell Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

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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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269
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CCLI Song # 2312509

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

2 As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

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.

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In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

Postlude Toccata on In the Cross of Christ I Glory
 arr. David Cherwien
 Jerry Bursch, Organ

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*Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, **we serve and welcome** the people of Coachella Valley, **nurturing discipleship** through prayer, worship, and outreach.*

Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.

Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Mar. 9 - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 10-14 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

Mar. 11 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

Mar. 11 - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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Mar. 12 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

Mar. 12 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 16 - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

Mar. 16 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

Mar. 16 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

We need volunteers to worship **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

Remember to volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735

Passcode: 235938 Or direct link from our website www.indioumc.com

The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR March 10, 2025

Monday	Thursday	Sunday
Deuteronomy 11-13 & Mark 13:1-13	Deuteronomy 20-22 & Mark 14:26-50	Deuteronomy 28 & Mark 15:27-47
Tuesday	Friday	
Deuteronomy 14-16 & Mark 13:14-37	Deuteronomy 23-25 & Mark 14:51-72	
Wednesday	Saturday	
Deuteronomy 17-19 & Mark 14:1-25	Deuteronomy 26, 27 & Mark 15:1-26	

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

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SOTV Prayer List (3-10-25) New prayer requests are in bold print

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Gary N., Malin W., Pat B., Brian B., Dale N., Suzanne S., Nancy T., Sandy G., Penne M., Ken H., **Sue Z.**,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Jeanne H., Carol T., Don P., Gerry V.,
3. For those in need of healing: Tom G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Sue M., Bob K., Margie S., Sherry A., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Joseph P., Anne M., Connie B., Linda W., Barbara G., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Denise M., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Wayne A., Susan S., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Penne M., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Truett B., Darcy W., Bob W., Sue H., Sharon E., Annie S., Nikki M., Tommy S., Carol Q., Sandi H., Daniel J., Julie S., Peter C., Billy N., Meghan B., Terry G., Ken C., Cheryl T., Nathan S., Kerrie D., Carlos G., Luisa S., Charlotte B., Paula O., Dick S., Jessie L., Julie K., Lin M., Tyson N., Gerda P., Stella Rose W., David J., Shelly P., Sandy N., Dawson D., Meaghan W., Dorothy C., Toby J., Joy H., Blanche W., Pat B., Carolyn G., Jerry V., Matt S., Lee B., Terry Ann S., Pope Francis, Nancy L., June H., Rose H., Ross A., Hilary J., Bob A., Dan H., Noel B., **Karen P., Jan C., Duncan T., Dani M., Don Z.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Stephen S., Mark M., **Craig S.**,
5. For persons awaiting test results:
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Maria N., Phyllis F., Marie R., Cindy W., Peggy W.,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Janice S., Tom C., **Glenn B., Judy A.**,
8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Abby K., Sharon K., Kathy S., Cindy M., Donna and Bobby P., Luisa S. and family, Caitlyn K., Kelsey S., Annette, Novia M., Buck H., Rose and Ken H., Sigl Family, Bryona W., Logan H., Alex W., Bobby P., Paul C., Doris C., **Pastor Marie W., Rhonda R., Sue Z.**,
9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and for protection for our first and frontline responders
10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Abby K.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Taylor H., Talia S., Maddy P., Cristy G.,
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:

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13. For those in times of transition: Batten Family, Amanda B., Eileen V., Greenman Family, **Matthew R.**,
14. For those who must travel: Peggy P., Lynn R., **Pam J., Rodney H.**,
15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: All United Methodist Conferences and All churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.
16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council, Bishop and Cabinet
18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and for people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather-related challenges)
20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Joe C., Darren B.,
21. For those whose lives have been challenged by extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and Global Warming.
22. For racial justice and harmony
23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.
24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way and all our Veterans especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Kyle R.,
27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.
28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people.
30. We give thanks for old friends and new.
31. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
32. For all creatures great and small, Roxy P., Kahuna P., Rusty B., Ranger K.,
33. For unspoken prayer requests
34. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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