

GATHERING

If you're worshipping online, you're invited to gather in a comfortable, quiet space. Light a candle, turn on a lamp or acknowledge the light from the sun as a symbol of Christ's presence in your worship space.

Those worshipping in-person are asked to follow our guidelines for safety: polkcityumc.org/worship

Everyone is encouraged to offer your attendance by posting a greeting or prayer request in the comments on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/polkcityumc) or by filling out the [website](#) connect card.

WELCOME

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus Messiah”

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Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20 (CEB)

¹³ Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Human One is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

¹⁵ He said, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. ¹⁸ I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. ¹⁹ I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

PRAYER

Loving God, when the demands of the world and the stress of these days weighs heavy upon us, we confess that we are tempted to put our trust in earthly powers and to conform to this world. While we proclaim 'Jesus is Lord' with our lips, our actions often reveal that our loyalty lies elsewhere. As we gather to worship, remind us that you are the one who claims and saves us. We would like to be the kind of "rock" that Jesus could count on – to be strong in the face of adversity; brave when danger is present; compassionate when sorrow and strife prevail. You have called us to be your church and we ask for your transforming love that we might be better witnesses for you. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Come, Thou Fount"

UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

SERMON

“And What About You?”

Rev. Melody Webb

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

OFFERING

Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

SONG OF SENDING

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

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Verse 1

Yours will be the only Name that matters to me
The only One Whose favor I seek
The only Name that matters to me

Verse 2

Yours will be the friendship and affection I need
To feel my Father smiling on me
The only Name that matters to me

Chorus

And Yours is the Name the Name that saved me
Mercy and grace the power that forgave me
And Your love is all I've ever needed

Bridge

When I wake up in the land of glory
With the saints I will tell my story
There will be one Name that I proclaim

Jesus Jesus Jesus just that Name

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