



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMALL GROUPS are forming and we want every adult to get connected for study, spiritual growth & connection. Click the links to JOIN!

- **Adult Bible Study:** Sundays at 10:30 AM, patio behind the Wing & on ZOOM
- **Texting Small Group:** on your own time; sign up to receive texts
- **Virtual Tea Time:** 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 3:30 PM on ZOOM
- **Walking Club:** Tuesdays at 5:15 PM, Sandpiper Recreation Area
- **Selah Yoga Group:** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, PCUMC soccer field

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th grade youth meets outdoors Sundays following worship.

FUEL KIDS for 3rd-6th grade youth begins TODAY at 3pm. Register students [HERE](#)

TRUSTEE MEETING – Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:00 PM, patio behind Wing

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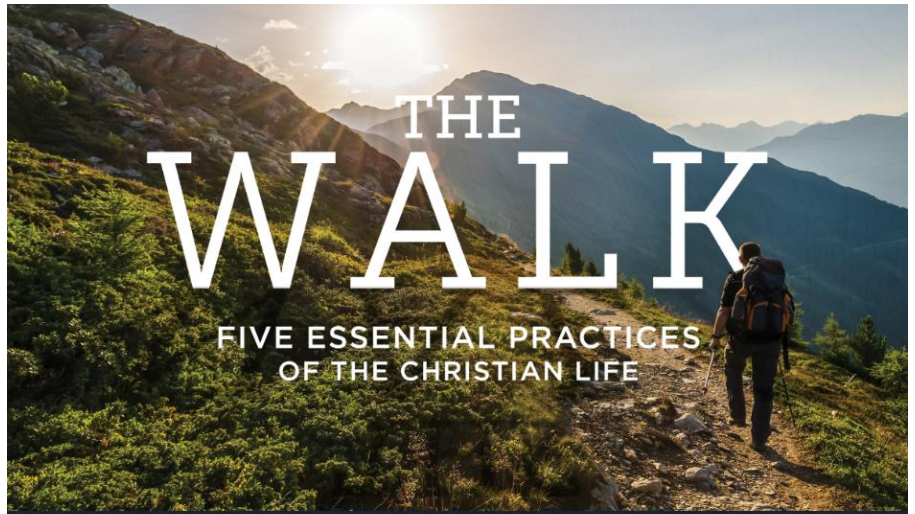
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SERVE God and Others 

Jesus calls us to live a life of service to both God and others. Essential to following Jesus is to serve daily. Try these simple practices each day this week:

In the morning,
read these reminders from scripture...

Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 20:26-28

Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Then pray this simple prayer...

"Here I am Lord, send me on your mission. Use me to bless at least five people today."

As you go about your day, think about the five fingers on your hand and find five ways to offer kindness or service.

In the evening, look at each finger and recount the ways you served or offered kindness to someone. Thank God for giving you the ability to serve and show loving kindness today.



WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

All words for communal speaking and singing are included below. Attend to these words for worship, and if you are masked, you may speak and sing aloud, but quietly. Say hello and post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come to the Table”

CCLI Song # 7036352

Verse 1

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in

Pre-Chorus

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

Chorus

(He said) come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song

Ending

Woah sit down and be set free
Come to the table
Come to the table
Just sit down and rest awhile
Just sit down and rest awhile
Come to the table

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament:

Joshua 24:14-15 (NRSV)

¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Gospel:

Matthew 20:25b-28 (NRSV)

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

New Testament:

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NRSV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust you. Help us listen. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy, forgive us, O Lord. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Here I Am, Lord”

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Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

SERMON

“Here I Am, Lord Send Me”

Rev. Melody Webb

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS AND OUR GIFTS

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card. Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

This table is for all of us, near and far,
east and west and north and south.

This table is for all of us, but it is not our table.

It's not a United Methodist table. It's not an American table.

It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace.

So come and take your place at the table.

You are welcome, you are invited, you are called:

come, let us share this meal together.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all nations, you created every person in your image and called us by your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through Baptism and through faith.

In Jesus Christ, you showed us the way to live with unique gifts and particularities, yet in harmony with you and with each other.

You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all.

So, today we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven, saying:

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!

Holy are you and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived among us to show us your love:

caring enough to feed hungry persons, stopping to touch persons in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself:

a Samaritan woman at a well,

lepers from another country,

those tortured by demons,

a father pleading for his daughter,

a woman from Syro-Phoenicia,

Zacchaeus, a tax collector,

a rich young ruler, and humble fishermen.

When people gathered to hear his teachings, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them to eat, so that they might be fed.

When Jesus ate with his disciples for his final meal on earth, they remembered his blessing on the multitude, and listened as he told them:

“Take, eat, this is my body given for you.”

They watched as Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said,

“Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins.”

After his death and resurrection, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples told others through this meal, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind.

Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table
spread this day around this globe,
and here spread with various breads from our homes.
May all who partake, wherever they live,
know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.
May your church go forth from Communion with you
to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.
In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (AFTER COMMUNION)

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and cup, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name might be praised in all the earth. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

Verse 1

We've come together
United as one
The saints and the sinners
We're Your daughters we're Your sons
With love to earth You came
And You've called us to the same
There's a blessing only found
In sweet communion

Chorus

Sweet communion
This is my purpose defined
Sweet communion
We break this bread
We drink this wine
Remembering Your sacrifice

"Sweet Communion"

There's a blessing only found
In sweet communion

Verse 2

Beautiful Savior
Creator we come
With hearts of thanksgiving
Humbly now we run
To Christ our Redeemer
We sing salvation's song
There's a blessing only found
In sweet communion

Bridge

Let all believers arise and testify
God is alive
Oh Lord let Your Kingdom come

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