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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Worship online: [Facebook Live](#) or on our [Website](#)

*All words for communal speaking are included below. You are encouraged to either speak the words in bold aloud as you worship, and to sing out your praise, or to attend to these words for worship and meditate on their meaning.*

*You are also invited to greet one another and post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or to fill out the [website](#) connect card.*

**GATHERING SONG**                      **"Ain't No Grave"**                      **CCLI # 7119314**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

**P: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.**

L: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

**P: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.**

L: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

**P: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear.**

**AMEN.**

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**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

**CCLI # 4768151**

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of promise and hope, we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones. Share your visions of new life with us, that we might have hope for our future. Bring us up from the grave, that we might live as people of promise. Put your Spirit within us, that we might have life everlasting. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:31-39**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**“Breathe”**

**CCLI # 1874117**

**SERMON**

**“Prisoners of Hope”**

**Rev. Melody Webb**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**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. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

Get ready to go into God’s world. Bring messages of hope to all. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“Our God”**

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