

POLK CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, March 22, 2020

GATHERING SONG *“Simplicity”* [Rend Collective]

WELCOME Pastor Melody Webb

SONG OF PRAISE *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* [Hymn #400]

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is so hard to not be afraid. Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate, and more judgmental. We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back, unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love. Forgive us, O God. Encourage us to extravagant acts of love, especially when we are frightened. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SONG OF REFLECTION *“My Heart Is Yours”* [Kristian Stanfill]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-8

SONG OF PREPARATION *“You Are My All In All”* [Hymn #3040]

PSALM Psalm 23

SERMON “The First Dinner: Risking Rejection”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING *“The Wonderful Cross”* [Chris Tomlin]

BENEDICTION

→ **RESPONSE:** *Send letters, cards or posts on social media this week to thank and encourage all community heroes who are working on the front lines to care and provide for us during the COVID-19 outbreak.*