

ENTER THE STORY

Gathering

Gather in front of your computer or phone in a comfortable, quiet space. Light a candle or turn on a lamp to acknowledge Christ's presence in your worship space. Offer your attendance by posting a greeting or prayer request in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

Praise

Sing or listen to a favorite hymn or worship song. Our [YouTube channel](#) has several playlists put together for you. Here's a [Traditional Hymns](#) playlist and a [Contemporary Worship](#) playlist.

Call to Prayer

Jesus' words at the Last Supper were shocking to those in attendance. His words can seem familiar, even comforting to us because we hear these words every time we have communion. But at the moment of their utterance, they were anything but "usual." This week we enter the scene of that last supper long enough to get a sense of the shock that would have rippled through Jesus' friends and followers. Partaking of body and blood? Not kosher! A "Lord" washing feet like a servant? Unbelievable! Breaking bread with the enemy? What?! But Jesus knew his time was up. And it was time for the disciples to get the message, even if it came in a shocking way: love one another as I have loved you—by serving, forgiving, freeing, communing—becoming one with—God. Let us take our place in the story as we pray a prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes we just aren't paying attention. We can keep our heads in the sand when we really need to attend to difficult situations, or the needs of your people. Forgive us, O God. As we practice physical distancing, guard us from distancing ourselves emotionally and spiritually, and help us to care for what's right in front of us. 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.

Words of Assurance

Know this: Our lives contain continual opportunities to be in humble service to friends and strangers. You are forgiven and freed, encouraged and loved by a God who wants you to live fully. Let us enter the passion of Christ, and accept the peace of Christ that passes all understanding.

Gospel Lesson

[John 13:3-16](#)

Sermon

"The Last Supper – Risking Loss"

Pastor Melody Webb

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

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Offering

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

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