

## 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.

## CENTERING WORDS

God's Spirit has called us here. Listen...  
The Spirit breathes new life even now. Receive...  
Christ offers his miraculous presence. Believe...  
God sends us forth as disciples. Serve...

## OPENING PRAYER

Christ, our living hope, breathe your Spirit upon us. Fill us with your faith and love, that we may recognize you even in our doubts. Help us so to believe where we have not seen, that others will see in us the living Christ, arisen and changing the world even today. In faith and hope, we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING                      John 20:19-31

*<sup>19</sup> It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."*

*<sup>24</sup> Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."*

*<sup>26</sup> After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"*

*<sup>28</sup> Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"*

*<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."*

*<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. <sup>31</sup> But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.*

**REFLECTIONS**

*“Where Have YOU Seen the Risen Christ?”*

**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 by 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

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

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

Go now in peace and love. May we show and share this miraculous gift with everyone we meet.