

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

"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek." ~ *Joseph Campbell*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, we are waiting to meet the risen Christ and to touch your presence in our midst. In the waiting, encourage us with patience. Along the journey, strengthen us with perseverance. Even as Christ opened the minds of those first disciples, open our minds today and bless us by meeting us in this time of worship. Witness to us, that we may bear witness to your presence to all the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-43 (NRSV)

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 349

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**

SERMON

"Meeting Jesus in our Fears"

Pastor Melody Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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

We have had our minds opened. We have had our hearts touched. Let us go forth strengthened, as we claim our identity as beloved children of God. And may God's promised peace be with us all. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

1. **When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Chorus: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

2. **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**Chorus: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

3. **My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**Chorus: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

4. **And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

**Chorus: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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