

## GATHERING

*Gather in front of your computer or phone in a comfortable, quiet space. Light a candle, turn on a lamp or acknowledge the light from the sun as a symbol of 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald Perschall

## CENTERING WORDS

Angela Cupp

## OPENING PRAYER

**Divine Goodness, Holy One, pause us for this moment, lift us up in this time, and hold us for eternity. We come to offer ourselves in connection to you, to allow ourselves to accept the love you give, and to release ourselves into your presence. And all the people say, Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### “For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

For the beauty of the earth	For the beauty of each hour
For the glory of the skies	Of the day and of the night
For the love which from our birth	Hill and vale and tree and flower
Over and around us lies	Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all to Thee we raise	Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise	This our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love  
Brother sister parent child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Young Family

## LECTIO DIVINA

### Ezekiel 31:3-7 (Inclusive Bible)

Carol Parrott

*Look to Assyria, once a Lebanon cedar  
[beautiful branches, dense shade, towering height;] (a) Ref: CEB  
it is top among the clouds.  
Springs nourished it,  
and deep waters made it grow tall;  
their streams flowed around its base,  
sending their channels to all the trees in the countryside.  
So it towered high above every other tree of the field.  
Its boughs grew larger and its branches extended out,  
nourished by an abundance of water.  
All the birds of the air nested in its boughs;  
under its branches wild animals gave birth to their young.  
All the great nations thrived in its shade.  
It was majestic in its beauty with its spreading boughs,  
its roots reaching deeply into an abundance of water.*

**SONG OF REFLECTION**

As the deer longs for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

**“As the Deer”**

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye

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CHORUS

You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

**SERMO DIVINA**

**“Rooting Ourselves in Beauty and Compassion”**

Pastor Melody Webb

**VISIO DIVINA**

**“As the Deer”** (instrumental)

Carol Parrott, *french horn*

**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**

**SONG OF SENDING**

How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

**“Better Is One Day”**

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You

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CHORUS

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

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