



SUNDAY, July 12
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

If you're worshipping online, you're invited to gather 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.

Those worshipping outdoors and in-person are asked to follow our guidelines for safety. polkcityumc.org/worship

Everyone is encouraged to offer your attendance by posting a greeting or prayer request in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Outdoor Sanctuary – plans are underway to install a new outdoor worship sanctuary on the north end of the property. Watch the transformation happen as we worship over the coming weeks. The space formerly used for an outdoor chapel, located west of the building, will be converted into a space for prayer, meditation or small group gatherings.

Outdoor Work & Worship – Wednesday, July 15 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM! We're rounding up all available hands for some yard raking and cleanup, exterior door painting, gutter cleaning, and outdoor playset washing and sealing. Those who feel comfortable working outdoors while observing safety guidelines for distancing are invited to come whenever you are available. Bring your own gloves, water bottle and bug repellent. Pizza will be provided during a dinner break, and the praise band will close us with a time of worship.

St. Luke's Free Clinic Reopens – Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with restrictions. Patients will enter from the second door on the east side of the Church, marked Clinic Entrance. Masks are required. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. Patients will be screened outside that door and temperatures taken. We will not see patients with known COVID-19 exposure, with respiratory symptoms, or that have temperatures of 100.4 or above. Only one patient will be allowed in clinic at a time. After screening, patients will wait in their vehicles until called.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Better Is One Day"

CCLI #1097451

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

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

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

CENTERING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

Divine Goodness, Holy One, pause us for this moment, lift us up in this time, and hold us for eternity. We offer our lives in service to your creation and dedicate ourselves to increasing beauty in this world. Help us to become instruments of your goodness as we continue practicing a Way of beauty and compassion that makes life rich, courageous, generous and joyful. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

1. The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

“How Great Is Our God”

2. And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

CCLI #4348399

CHORUS

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

ENDING

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

LECTIO DIVINA

Isaiah 52:7-10 (Inclusive Bible)

*How [beautiful] upon the mountains ^(a)
are the feet of one who brings good news—
who announces peace,
and brings news of happy things,
and proclaims deliverance,
saying to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*

*Listen! Those who keep watch raise a cry,
together they shout for joy—
for they see with their own eyes
YHWH’s restoration of Zion!*

*Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!
For YHWH comforts the people,
and redeems Jerusalem.*

*YHWH bares a holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God!*

(a) Ref: CEB

SERMO DIVINA

“From Beauty to Compassion and Justice”

Pastor Melody Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

OFFERING

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

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WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

“The River”

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Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life
Oh oh

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray
Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace
Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again

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