

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.

Children's Storytime – Beginning this week, we'll be sharing a Children's Storytime with families from our church community reading a book by video so that all children can tune in and listen. The storytime video will be shared on Mondays in our devotional emails, in our Children's Ministry Group on Facebook, and on our website! Be sure to look for that starting tomorrow! Questions about this can be directed to our children & youth ministries director Lauren Wilken.

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"All Who Are Thirsty"

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All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 13:24-30 (CEB)**

²⁴ Jesus told them [a] parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Master, didn’t you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy has done this,’ he answered.

“The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them?’

²⁹ “But the landowner said, ‘No, because if you gather the weeds, you’ll pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I’ll say to the harvesters, “First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.”’

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Here I Am, Lord”

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
‘Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

SERMON

“Growing Seeds of Love”

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)

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

“Your Grace Is Enough”

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Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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