

## 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](http://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** – Each week this summer 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. Lord, you place before us the images of the small--the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure--and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives. AMEN.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Verse 1*  
Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

*Chorus 1*  
Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

*Verse 2*  
Free at last  
He has ransomed me

## "Who You Say I AM"

His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*Chorus 2*  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

*Bridge*  
I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46 (CEB)**

<sup>31</sup> He told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.”

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

#### *Chorus*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
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And a light unto my path

#### *Verse 1*

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear

### **“Thy Word”**

As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

#### *Verse 2*

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

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### **SERMON**

***“It’s the Little Things”***

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)

### **SONG OF SENDING**

#### *Verse 1*

Here in this worn and weary land  
Where many a dream has died  
Like a tree planted by the water  
We never will run dry

#### *Pre-Chorus*

So living water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of You  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls  
With one desire

#### *Chorus*

### **“Thrive”**

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Just to know You and to make You known  
We lift Your name on high  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide  
We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive

#### *Verse 2*

Into Your Word we're digging deep  
To know our Father's heart  
Into the world we're reaching out  
To show them who You are



*Bridge*

Joy unspeakable

Faith unsinkable

Love unstoppable

Anything is possible

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

**SUNDAY, July 26**  
***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

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