

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 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 comments on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/polkcityumc) or by filling out the [website](#) connect card.

WELCOME

SONG OF PRAISE

“Reckless Love”

CCLI Song # 7089641

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

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SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 22:34-40 (CEB)**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. ³⁵ One of them, a legal expert, tested him. ³⁶ “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.*” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

PRAYER

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. We confess that it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning us away from those who need our love. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Send Me”

CCLI Song # 5191617

Verse 1

Take my hands
They are Yours to use
Take my feet
I will follow You
Fill my mouth
Give me words to pray
Break my heart
With what brings You pain

Right here in this moment
I can hear Your Spirit call
So I'm coming as Your servant
Surrendering to You now (my all)

Chorus

Here am I send me
Here am I send me
Savior I'll take Your message to the world
Here am I send me
Here am I send me
Savior I'll take Your message to the world
Send me

Verse 2

Take my eyes
Help me see the need
Tune my ears
To Your heart beat
Take my all



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My silver and my gold
I lay it down
At Your feet my Lord

Right here in this moment
I dare not walk away
For I see a world so broken
Father hear me pray

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON

Donald Perschall

“Our Mission: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered today and all the people gathered here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation and world. AMEN.

SONG OF SENDING

“Love the Lord”

CCLI Song # 4572938

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT 2X)

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