

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

CCLI Song # 3266032

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (CEB)

³¹ “Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

³⁴ “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. ³⁵ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ ⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

PRAYER

Sustaining God, we gather to seek your presence. We know that when we call out to you, you are near. You hold us up when we are falling. You are just in all your ways, and kind in all your actions. You have never failed us yet. And while we acknowledge that you created us to love you and one another, we confess that we have sometimes limited that love to words, and failed to reveal your love by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the sick, and the incarcerated. Too often, we have turned away from you, failing to share with our sisters and brothers who are in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and show us the way to love, not just in word and speech, but in truth and action. Show us how to live for you and others. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“I Was Hungry”

CCLI Song # 2520504

Verse 1

I was hungry and You gave me bread
Homeless you gave a place to lay my head
I was naked You clothed me

Chorus

I was imprisoned and You set me free
And the prison doors are opening
And the prison walls are falling down
And the prison doors are opening
And the prison walls are falling down

Verse 2

I was parched and dry and You gave me rain
Sick and tired and You eased my pain
I was cold as ice and Your warmth melted me

Verse 3

I was crying and You kissed my tears
Frightened and You relieved my fears
I was unheard You listened to me

Ending

As You've done it to the lease of these
My brothers and My sisters
You've done it unto Me

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MESSAGE

Mai Golbuff, Linda Pennington & Dixie Bequeaith

“Our Vision: Feeding Hungry Souls in Every Season”

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

“Lord Reign in Me”

CCLI Song # 2490706

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

Brenton Brown

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