



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMALL GROUPS are forming and we want every adult to get connected for study, spiritual growth & connection – especially as we move into the fall and winter months. Click to join or host your own!

- **Sundays:** 10:30 AM, patio behind the Wing & on zoom
- **Thursdays:** 6:30 PM, Hammond Residence

YOUTH KICKOFF for 6th-12th grade youth AND parents is **today** following worship. (Plus donuts!)

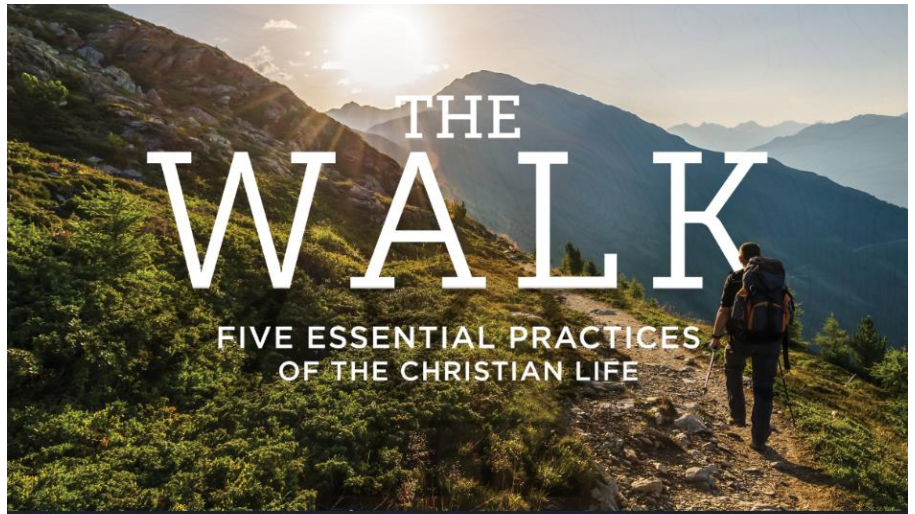
FALL FITNESS is coming to Polk City UMC! As we work on getting in shape spiritually, we also want to provide opportunities to work on our physical health. Click to join:

- **Walking Club:** Tuesdays at 5:15 PM, beginning Sept. 22
- **Selah Yoga:** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, beginning Sept. 30

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WORSHIP Give Thanks



We were created for worship. When we cultivate a rhythm of daily worship through gratitude and praise to God, we experience the fullness of God's grace and flourish in the Christian life. Try these simple worship practices each day this week.

When you awaken...

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Before you begin your day, read Psalm 100, and offer this simple prayer:

"Lord, thank you for everything. Help me to be aware of your presence and recognize the blessings that I might take for granted."

As you go through your day, pay attention and note the moments when you see God's grace and blessing. When you become aware of these instances, pause to briefly tell God "thank-you."

Before meals...

Pause before each meal to pray, thanking God for your food and the many blessings in your life. Your meal-time prayer can be as simple as:

"For this food I am about to eat and for the hands that prepared and provided it, I give you thanks, O Lord."

As you end your day...

Each night, before you go to bed, reflect upon your day and identify three distinct things for which you are grateful. You might start a Gratitude Journal in which you express your gratitude.

Memorize and recite to yourself Psalm 118:1: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

All words for communal speaking and singing are included below. Attend to these words for worship, and if you are masked, you may speak and sing aloud, but quietly. Say hello and post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

SONG OF PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons"

CCLI Song # 6016351

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 100](#)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER

Blessed are You, Lord our God! Glorious is Your name in all the earth! We celebrate who You are, and all that You have done for us. You hold our lives in Your hands and catch us when we stumble. So we come together today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship You: to sing Your praise, to confess our mistakes, and to receive Your love and mercy, made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Be present among us as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your Word. To You be all glory, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH # 77

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome
wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Bridge

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

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

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SERMON

"A Living Hallelujah"

Rev. Melody Webb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S 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)

BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

"Forever"

CCLI Song # 3148428

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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