



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 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 GROUP for 6th-12th grade youth meets outdoors Sundays following worship.

FUEL KIDS for 3rd-6th grade youth begins online next Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3pm. Register students [HERE](#)

FALL FITNESS ministries have started at Polk City UMC!

- **Walking Club:** Tuesdays at 5:15 PM (join for trail info)
- **Selah Yoga:** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, beginning Sept. 30

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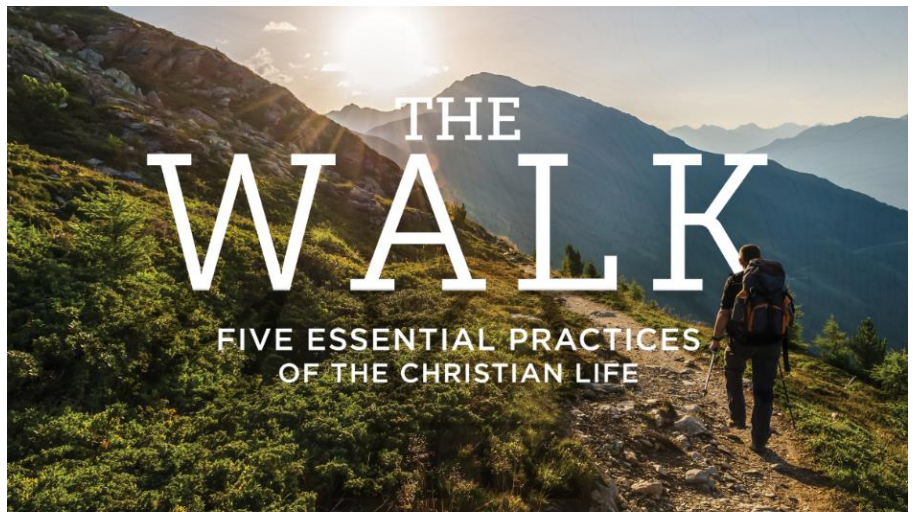
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GROW Study Scripture



Try a new approach: Lectio Divina

In Latin, Lectio Divina means divine reading. It is a tool for opening your mind and heart to allow God to speak to you through the scripture. Try it this week. Read the passage four times and respond to one of these questions after each reading.

1. Lectio (read): What word or phrase speaks to you?
2. Meditation (meditate): What does your word or phrase mean to you?
3. Oratio (pray): How is God calling you to act in response to this passage?
4. Contemplatio (contemplate): Allow time for silent reflection

Philippians 4:4-9

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Love God with your heart, soul, MIND, and strength

This week, be deliberate in exploring concepts and ideas that expand your mind and help you grow in faith. Commit to looking for new insights as you do one of these:

- Read a book
- Listen to a podcast
- Watch a movie

Study with others

Small groups can challenge you to grow deeper, consider other people's insights, and encourage accountability. If you are not currently involved in a study group, check out opportunities available on your campus during the season of Lent.

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

“Church (Take Me Back)”

CCLI Song # 7121428

Verse 1

There was a time that I swore I would never go back
I was blind to the truth didn't know what I had
I was running I was searching
But ev'ry place I turned for healing
Left me more broken than the last

Chorus

Take me back
To the place that feels like home
To the people I can depend on
To the faith that's in my bones
Take me back to a preacher and a verse
Where they've seen me at my worst
To the love I had at first
Oh I want to go to church

Verse 2

Tried to walk on my own but I wound up lost
Now I'm making my way to the foot of the cross
It's not a trophy for the winners
It's a shelter for the sinners
And it's right where I belong

Bridge

Oh more than an obligation it's our foundation
The fam'ly of God
I know it's hard but we need each other
We're sisters and brothers oh

Ending

Yeah I want to go to church
Oh I want to go want to go I want to go
Oh I want to go to church
Oh I want to go to church

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119: 1-2, 11-12, 97-98, 103-105 (NRSV)

¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart.

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.
¹² Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.
¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.
¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

PRAYER

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, challenge, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us to walk in your ways. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Speak to Me/Thy Word”

CCLI Song #1976939/UMH #601

Speak to me Lord
For Your child is here listening
Speak to me Lord for Your child is here
Waiting on You

Unveil my eyes let me see...see You
Unveil my heart let me know...know You

Chorus

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

SERMON

“Listening and Paying Attention”

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)

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

“Jesus”

CCLI Song # 7067249

Verse 1

There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation – Jesus

There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages
He is Jesus Jesus

Bridge

Messiah, My Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us
Jesus, Jesus

Chorus 1

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands – Jesus

Chorus 2

You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands

Verse 2

There is a name I call in times of trouble

Jesus, There is no one like You
Jesus, There is no one like You

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