



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 10:30 AM, patio behind the Wing & on ZOOM

Texting Small Group: on your own time; sign up to receive texts

Virtual Tea Time: Weekly! Wednesdays, at 3:30 PM on ZOOM

Selah Yoga Group: Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, Wing in the Woods

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th grade and **FUEL KIDS** for 3rd-6th grade meet Sundays following worship.

Children’s Sunday School packets with family devotions are [available HERE](#) or pick up a bag at church each week.

November Missions:

- Bring Christmas decorations for Polk City Nursing Home
- Bring food items or [donate HERE](#) for the Comet Cupboard

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It's a Wonderful Life

Finding Joy & Gratitude
in Anxious Times

Polk City United Methodist Church
Sundays at 9:30 AM | November 1 – 22
www.polkcityumc.org



NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS TODAY

In the classic film, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” a financial crisis creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own outlook on life during times of fear and crisis.

But what happens when we change our focus?

In this four-week series, we'll be challenged to look at our own times of crisis and fear in a compassionate way, in order to find the joy and meaning that can give us a new outlook on life!

Join us for worship, and invite a friend!

November 1 – 22, 2020

MOVIE WATCH PARTY

Join us for a Movie Watch Party TODAY at 4:00 PM as we watch the holiday classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, together on ZOOM!

ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/34zfSC7>

PASSCODE: 321456



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

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

CCLI Song # 2298355

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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OPENING PRAYER

O God, we remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair, when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope; but we also remember times of hardship: when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been banished in exile from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today's troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence. Amen.

SCENES FROM “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

SONG OF PREPARATION

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son

“You Are My Vision”

You dwell inside me together we're one

Verse 3

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-11

⁴ The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. ⁷ Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

¹⁰ The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

Ephesians 1:11-12, 15-19a

¹¹ We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. ¹² We are called to be an honor to God’s glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹⁵ Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, this is the reason that ¹⁶ I don’t stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God’s call, what is the richness of God’s glorious inheritance among believers, ¹⁹ and what is the overwhelming greatness of God’s power that is working among us believers.

SERMON “Looking Back: The Best Laid Plans” **Rev. Melody Webb**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS: Message from Bishop Laurie Haller

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE: *Tex Dean, Don Pearson, Jenny Johnson*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING “Give Thanks” **CCLI Song # 20285**

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Give thanks

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, looking back, we see the generosity of those who came before us, acknowledging their hardships and struggles, their joys and gains that bring us to the place we are now. In looking back, help us to build a foundation for those who will look back at *our* lives, those who will be affected by what we do, what we offer, what we give. Help us to rejoice in the knowledge that lives are being changed now and in the future because of what we are able to do with this collective offering. In the name of the one who calls us to the loyalty of justice, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives and our love as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

Make us one, multiplying our love by the strength of yours, until all have everything they need in the feast of your
kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen!

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

"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 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 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 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

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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