



POLK CITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays at 10:30 AM 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and **FUEL KIDS** for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade meet Sundays following worship.

**Children's Sunday School** packets with family devotions are [available HERE](#)

**November Missions:**

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

**Commitment Sunday: Nov. 22**  
Complete a commitment card [HERE](#)

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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](http://www.polkcityumc.org)



**NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES**

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*

**2021 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**

As we dream and plan about God's ministry through us in 2021, we are asking everyone to prayerfully consider the ways you will continue your support of our church's mission to feed hungry souls in every season. The process of prayerfully asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment with your financial gifts is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God and an opportunity to serve God with your financial resources.



**"Together for Joy" Pledge Card**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each  week  month  
for an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

### “Reckless Love of God”

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

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

#### 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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### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; before we were born, you knew us. You created us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Your love for us is so overwhelming at times, and yet, we confess that our love for you competes with our love of earthly things. We have given our time and money and energy to people, places and things that we think can buy our happiness and security and boost our status and wealth. Help us to refocus our priorities and thoughts so that they align with the priorities of heaven, and to find our true value in being your beloved. Amen.**

### SCENE FROM “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

*“You've been given a great gift, George: a chance to see what the world would be like without you. ... Strange, isn't it? Each person's life touches so many other lives, and when they aren't around, it leaves an awful hole, doesn't it?”*

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup> “Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. <sup>20</sup> Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. <sup>21</sup> Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**SONG OF PREPARATION****“Lord, I Need You”****CCLI Song # 5925687***Verse 1*

Lord I come I confess  
 Bowing here I find my rest  
 And without You I fall apart  
 You're the one that guides my heart

*Chorus 1*

Lord I need You oh I need You  
 Every hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

*Verse 2*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
 Where grace is found is where You are  
 And where You are Lord I am free  
 Holiness is Christ in me  
 Where You are Lord I am free

Holiness is Christ in me

*Bridge*

So teach my song to rise to You  
 When temptation comes my way  
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
 Jesus You're my hope and stay  
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Chorus 2*

Lord I need You oh I need You  
 Every hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

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**SERMON****“Looking In: Finding Our Worth”****Rev. Melody Webb****PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Past 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

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  
 Give thanks

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, looking inward, we recognize our own hesitation to see and believe what we can accomplish together. Give us the courage to bring the vision of your hospitality and justice to life now and for the future. May these earthly treasures we offer become the path to treasures of well-being for those who will be touched by it. In the name of the one who called all to the true treasure of life with God, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## WORDS OF BLESSING

### SONG OF SENDING

### "You Are My Vision"

CCLI Song # 6054533

#### *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

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

#### *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

Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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