



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 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

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th grade and **FUEL KIDS** for 3rd-6th grade are moving online. Details on website.

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

Mission Opportunities:

- Bring Christmas decorations for Polk City Nursing Home
- Bring food items or [donate HERE](#) for the Comet Cupboard
- Donate \$20 Walmart cards for kids of families who receive monthly bag of groceries

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



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

“Everlasting God”

CCLI Song # 4556538

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliverer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCENE FROM “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

“Mr. Potter, what makes you such a hard-skulled character? You have no family, no children. You can't begin to spend all the money you've got.” – Peter Bailey

“Just remember this, Mr. Potter, that this rabble you're talking about ... they do most of the working and paying and living and dying in this community. Well, is it too much to have them work and pay and live and die in a couple of decent rooms and a bath? Anyway, my father didn't think so. People were human beings to him, but to you, a warped, frustrated old man, they're cattle. Well, in my book, he died a much richer man than you'll ever be.” – George Bailey

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. ¹⁹When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone

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Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

SERMON

“Looking Out: Valuing Others”

Rev. Melody Webb

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

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 outward, we see your world, your people and the needs not yet met. We know that this practice of sharing what we have is what you would have us do. Draw us ever close to the true living that is possible when we align with the courageous vision of your realm. In the name of the one whose vision of love and justice is the meaning of life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

CCLI Song # 6186078

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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