



POLK CITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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+ Lent Adult Bible Study begins  
today: 10:45am on [ZOOM](#) (use  
passcode 366735)

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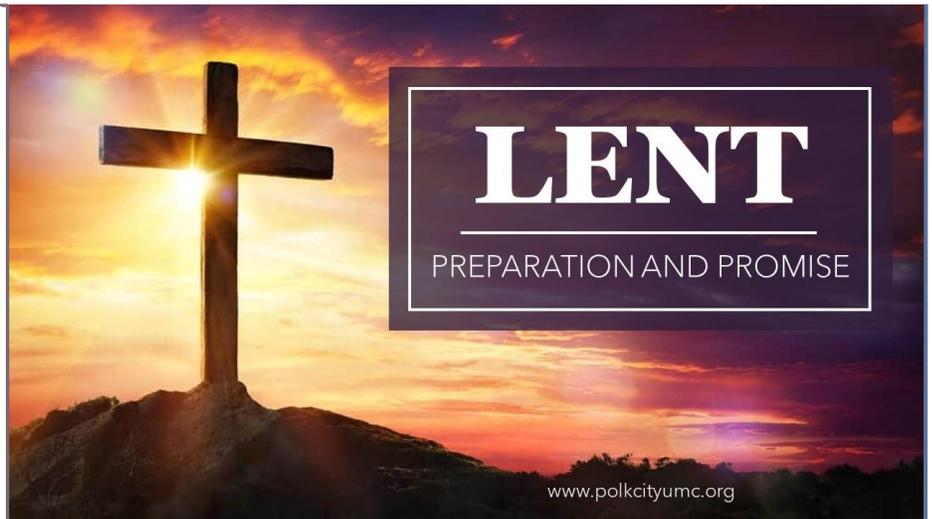
Find out more about our Lent  
worship series & opportunities for  
in-person worship on our [website](#)

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Worship online: [Facebook Live](#) or on our [Website](#)

*All words for communal speaking are included below.  
You are encouraged to either speak the words in bold aloud as you  
worship, and to sing out your praise, or to attend to these words  
for worship and meditate on their meaning.*

*You are also invited to greet one another and post prayer requests  
in the [Facebook](#) comments or to fill out the [website](#) connect card.*

### CENTERING MOMENT

After the pouring rain has stopped, after the clapping thunder has stilled, a rainbow bursts forth—God's promise of life to the earth. As we light the candles for worship, give thanks for the promises of God, and invite the light of Christ to fill you with the joy and beauty of the mist-kissed rainbow covenant that God has made with all the creatures of the earth.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we lift up our souls and search for your promised presence. Reveal yourself to us this day—in mighty mountains, in brilliant rainbows, in joyous children, in grieving friends, in challenging scriptures, in meaningful prayers, in repentance and forgiveness, in love and grace. Guide your servants on this Lenten journey from the darkness of death to the hope of resurrection. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

Deanna Deason

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**“How Great Is Our God”**

**SERMON**

**“Promise of Participation”**

Rev. Melody Webb

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Maria Steckel

*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)*

**DOXOLOGY**

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small

Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We bring our gifts, in gratitude and praise, remembering the gifts and promises you given us. Bless these gifts, that they may be signs of your love and grace. Paint them with hope and joy, that in our giving and in our living, a brilliant rainbow of love may shine forth. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

A flood, a boat, and a rainbow promise from God . . . From the watery grave, God proclaims a covenant of life.

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“He Reigns”**