



POLK CITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 7, 2021

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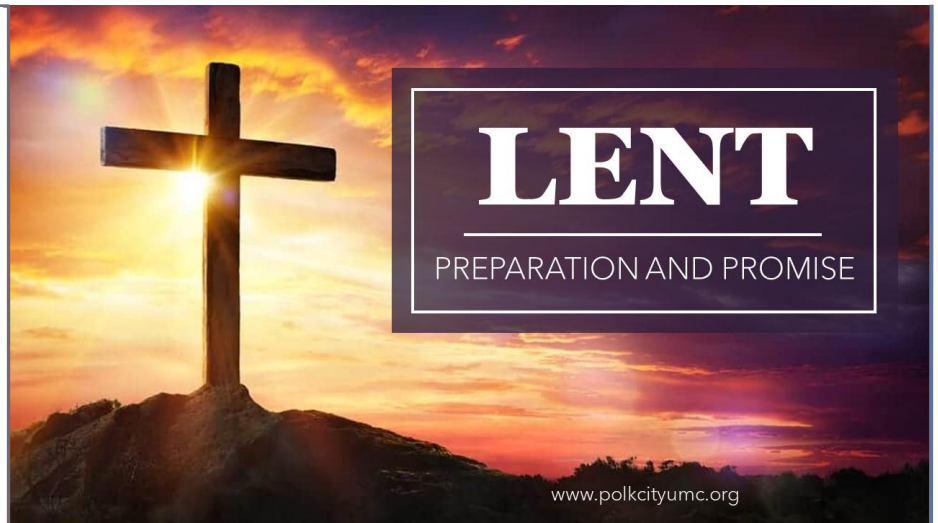
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LENT

PREPARATION AND PROMISE

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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

In worship today, we will consider how as God's family grew, boundaries needed to be set and guidance given so that they could grow into the beloved community God intended. Part of the promise we celebrate is the promise of community. The ten commandments are not so much rules that we ought to follow – reluctantly or not – as they are descriptions of the kind of people we can choose to be: The people who love God and who love neighbor. As we light the candles for worship, give thanks for the promise of God's guidance. Invite the light of Christ to revive your soul, as you allow the law of God to bring wisdom and joy to your life. Let us worship.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Scott Mead, Liturgist

As we gather before you, Wonderful and Magnificent God, reveal yourself to us as you did to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Speak to us in ways that illumine our darkness and enliven our steps. Come alive in us, call us by name and give us the commandments of new life that will order our steps in this time of worship and as we leave this place. Move our hearts closer to yours and center our thoughts on worshipping you and you alone. Wherever you find us, whether on bended knee, seated, or standing, transform us into your image of perfect love; create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us!

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

Carol Parrott

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:7-10, 14

Heidi Anderson

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

“Thy Word”

**SERMON**

“Promise of Community”

Rev. Arnette Pint

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Brooke, Dustin, Jase & Jillian Jetmund

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**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**

God of holiness and grace, we know the words of your commandments. In our hearts, we know that following them makes life easier, not harder; fuller, not more restricted. We know there is no God greater than you, yet we have made the silliest things our gods and have thrown our money and resources after them. As we offer our gifts this day, we are reminded that only you have given the gift of a savior and the redemption of our rebellious lives. In Christ’s name, we trust and pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds. And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! **Amen!**

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“Build Your Kingdom Here”**