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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.

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GATHERING SONG

"Living Hope"

CCLI # 7106807

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

P: We are called to be Easter people!

L: Darkness cannot claim us!

P: Fear cannot bind us!

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!

SONG OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

CCLI # 3350395

OPENING PRAYER

God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:17-26; Psalm 40:1-4; Romans 5:2-5; 8:24-25,28

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CCLI # 7109317

SERMON

“Hope in Challenging Times”

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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God, our comfort and our strength: we have been navigating through this pandemic with anxiety and isolation. We have lived in fear of disease, death, and not having enough. Yet, we are here, offering our gifts to the work of your kingdom and reminding ourselves of the glory about to be revealed to us. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Get ready to go into God's world. Bring messages of hope to all. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

SONG OF SENDING

“Your Grace Is Enough”

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