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# ACTING *with* JESUS'S POWER

POLK CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**June 6, 2021**

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

### **We are happy to worship together with you!**

*All words for communal singing and 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.*

### **Children are always welcome in worship!**

*We love to hear their voices and know their presence among us! This summer, we are offering a **Children's Chapel** time in the Wing of the Woods during the second half of worship. Children will be dismissed to follow our Children's Ministry leaders into the Wing before the sermon, and will return to their families during the last song. Masks are encouraged for all children's indoor activities.*

# POLK CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WELCOME / CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

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### SONG OF PRAISE

### “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

#### Verse 3

I don't want riches or man's empty praise  
You're my inheritance now and always  
You and You only the first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure You are

#### 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  
You dwell inside me together we're one

#### Verse 4

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

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## FOCUSING PRAYER

**God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.**

### SONG

### “Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)”

CCLI Song # 7109317

#### Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

You never let go this one thing I know  
Great great is Your faithfulness

#### Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

#### Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

#### Chorus 2

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand has provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

#### Chorus 1

Beginning to end my life in Your hands  
Great great is Your faithfulness

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / CELEBRATIONS (Children dismissed for Children's Chapel)



### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, <sup>2</sup> seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

<sup>5</sup> Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup> Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Yes, Lord."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

<sup>13</sup> Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

<sup>17</sup> Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. <sup>19</sup> After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. <sup>20</sup> Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.

### INTERACTIVE SERMON

#### The Power to Do Hard Things

1. What's your name? Is there a story behind your given name or surname? Or, if you have a nickname or chosen name, how is this name meaningful to you?
2. Who is someone who has been influential in your faith? What impact did they have?
3. What is something that is difficult or hard for you to do?
4. What has been a key moment in your faith journey? How did that moment shape what you believe today?

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### 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.

**COMMUNION SONG****“Who You Say I Am”****CCLI Song # 7102401***Verse 1*

Who am I that the highest King  
 Would welcome me  
 I was lost but He brought me in  
 Oh His love for me  
 Oh His love for me

His grace runs deep  
 While I was a slave to sin  
 Jesus died for me  
 Yes He died for me

*Chorus 1*

Who the Son sets free  
 Oh is free indeed  
 I'm a child of God  
 Yes I am

*Chorus 2*  
 In my Father's house  
 There's a place for me  
 I'm a child of God  
 Yes I am

*Verse 2*

Free at last  
 He has ransomed me

*Bridge*  
 I am chosen not forsaken  
 I am who You say I am  
 You are for me not against me  
 I am who You say I am

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****SONG OF SENDING****“Everywhere I Go”****CCLI Song # 7050066***Chorus 1*

Ev'rywhere I go  
 On this road high and low  
 Where I go I go with You

There's a future that runs through my veins

*Verse 1*

There's a city that calls me by name  
 There's a city that calls me by name  
 Yes as I run this race I am cheered by the saints  
 There's a city that calls me by name

*Chorus 2*  
 Ev'rywhere I go  
 On this road high and low  
 Where I go I go with You  
 So I won't be afraid  
 This is my hope come what may  
 Where I go I go with You  
 Where I go I go with You

*Verse 2*

There's a future that runs through my veins  
 There's a future that runs through my veins  
 And there's nothing on earth  
 That can stand in the way

*Verse 3*  
 There's a Spirit I cannot contain  
 There's a Spirit I cannot contain  
 The same power that raised Jesus up from the grave  
 The same Spirit I cannot contain

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