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# Gathering & Gospelling



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 4, 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 in the bulletin. 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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## PRELUDE

### “Here I Am to Worship”

1. Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

2. King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*Chorus:* So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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## WELCOME / CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website or in the bulletin*

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### First Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 10:16-17:

Isn't the cup of blessing that we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Isn't the loaf of bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread.

#### John 6:30-35:

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## CENTERING QUESTIONS

*Reflect on these questions during the centering song and write your response:*

- **What brings you to Church Today:** *Answer with the first thing that comes to mind. It's ok to give specific or silly reasons (prepare to share these during Joys and Concerns)*
  
- **Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?** *(Personal reflection; you will not be asked to share)*

## CENTERING SONG

### “Holy Is the Lord”

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing  
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says I am the bread of life

### Come let us feast together

Jesus says whoever believes in me will never hunger nor thirst

### Come let us gather and welcome one another to the meal

God is the reason we are here, let us gather in the name of God

### Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## SONG OF PRAISE

### “He Reigns”

1. It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers  
Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe every tongue every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

*Chorus:* It's all God's children singing  
Glory glory hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns  
It's all God's children singing  
Glory glory hallelujah  
He reigns (He reigns)

2. Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation  
Some were meant to persist  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples  
None rings truer than this

*Bridge:* And all the powers of darkness  
Tremble at what they've just heard  
'Cause all the powers of darkness  
Can't drown out a single word

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

*Around your table, or in the online comments, take turns sharing why you came to church today. Then share joys and concerns and pray for one another, including the celebration of the reasons each of you came to church. (Remember God works through all answers, such as “donuts,” “the need for community,” and even “I’m not sure.”)*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**God remind us why we are here. Help us to set the intention to be one body, one bread. Help us to find and include more people, for many hunger for the nourishment of the Holy Spirit. Make us not merely guardians of a heritage, but living signs of your coming Kingdom; fire us with passion for justice and peace between all people; fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel; and through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one. That the world**

may believe, that your name may be enthroned in our nation, that your church may more effectively be your body, we commit ourselves to love you, serve you, and follow you as pilgrims not strangers. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SONG

### “We Believe”

1. In this time of desperation

When all we know is doubt and fear

There is only one foundation

We believe we believe

In this broken generation

When all is dark You help us see

There is only one salvation

We believe we believe

*Chorus:* We believe in God the Father

We believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion

We believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection

And He's coming back again

(We believe)

2. So let our faith be more than anthems

Greater than the songs we sing

In our weakness and temptations

We believe we believe

*Bridge:* Let the lost be found and the dead be raised

In the here and now let love invade

Let the church live loud our God will save

We believe we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail

For the pow'r of God has torn the veil

Now we know Your love will never fail

We believe we believe

He's coming back again

He's coming back again

We believe we believe

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Second Reading

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## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

### Goal: To See God

*For this activity, partner up around your table, or share in the online comments*

- Think of your most important experience with God in your life.
- Take turns talking for 4 minutes each (*I'll time you*) without stopping.

## SERMON

### “Practicing Communion: Why are we Really Gathering?”

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company  
of heaven we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...

## 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.**

## WORDS OF BLESSING

### SONG OF SENDING

### "Who You Say I Am"

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

*Chorus 1:* Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

2. Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in  
Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's  
offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the  
world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at  
his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in  
your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty  
God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

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

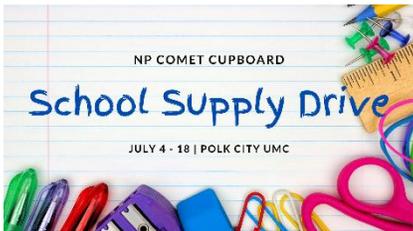
*Bridge:* I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> | Lake + Church

Join us at **BIG CREEK** for worship at 9:30am next Sunday in **Shelter #1!** After worship, join us for food & fun at the lake! Bring a chair, yard games, water toys and a picnic lunch for yourself/your family or dish to share – grilling is available. (Charcoal for grilling & condiments for burgers & hot dogs will be provided).



### Bring In School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies to make School Kits for the NP Comet Cupboard Food Pantry. We'll be packing the kits during worship on Sunday, July 18. Please pick up any of these items to drop off or bring to church **by July 18:**

Pencil box/pouch/bag  
Wide ruled composition notebooks  
Plastic folders w/prongs and brads

Elmer's jumbo glue sticks  
Crayola markers (Crayola only)  
Fine point dry erase markers  
Large pink eraser  
Fun pens

#2 pencils  
Highlighters - fun colors  
Kleenex packs  
Scissors  
Post-It notes

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to Jackie & Ron Cook on the birth of their grandson, Niklaus Bijorn Hefner Cook, born on June 28 to Tiffany & Jon. Continued prayers for Jackie as she and Ron travel home to Iowa for further testing of heart problems.

Prayers for all involved in a tragic car accident at the Slater parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, which killed one person and injured several others.

Others shared: *(write down those shared around your table to hold in prayer in the week ahead)*

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**ATTENDANCE CARD** Thanks for worshiping with us! Please take a moment to record your attendance, then drop this card in the offering plate.

**Name #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's names** *(if applicable):* \_\_\_\_\_

**I / We are:** \_\_\_\_ First Time Visitors \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Time Visitors \_\_\_\_ Regular Attenders

### GET INVOLVED:

\_\_\_\_ Please add me/us to your newsletter mailing list. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in: \_\_\_\_ membership or baptism

\_\_\_\_ serving in worship (*circle:* greeter / liturgist / communion server)

\_\_\_\_ mowing or other outdoor cleanup as needed

\_\_\_\_ I have a prayer request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like a call or visit from the pastor