



**WELCOME TO  
WORSHIP**  
July 11, 2021

Gathering  
&  
Gospeling



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### Sunday July 18: Mission + Church

Join us for Outdoor Worship at Polk City UMC next Sunday. 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

### 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 connect card in the bulletin or on the [website](#).

### 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 during the second half of worship. Children are invited to follow our Children's Ministry leaders for a time of music, children's message and fun activities, and will return to their families during the last song.

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## GATHERING SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

1. Holy holy holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Perfect in power in love and purity

2. Holy holy holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy; where is none beside Thee

3. Holy holy holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy! Merciful and mighty  
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## WELCOME

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS First Reading

**Exodus 3:1-6** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

**Isaiah 6:1-3** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

**CENTERING** *Reflect on these questions during the centering song and write your response in the spaces below:*

- **What is your favorite space at church, and why?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Where do you like to pray?**

## CENTERING SONG "Better Is One Day"

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

2. One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells (REPEAT)

*Chorus:* Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

*Bridge:* My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God We are longing for silence, seeking and searching for solitude. Where do we find you God?

**Running restful waters, shimmering leaves, whispering winds.**

Ancient ruins, stories in stones, Celtic crosses standing strong, ancestors remembered. Where do we find you God?

**Sacred spaces, enriching our Souls, mysteries unfolding, God is in the known and unknown.**

Where do we find you God?

**Come let us find God in this holy space.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

*Chorus:* Open the eyes of my heart Lord

As we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

*Bridge:* Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

*Verse:* To see You high and lifted up

I want to see You

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Second Reading

**Exodus 3:1-6** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

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## INTERACTIVE WORSHIP

### Goal: To Experience God

*“Just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don’t try to make them elaborate, this isn’t a contest but the doorway into thanks, and silence in which another voice may speak” — Mary Oliver*

- **Use art supplies or collection of natural elements to create a prayer – color, draw, doodle or create. It can include words, but does not have to. (10 minutes)**
- **Be prepared to share about your creation during “Joys & Concerns”**

## SERMON

### “Set Apart: Making Holy Spaces”

## JOYS & CONCERNS

*Around your table, or in the online comments, take turns sharing about your prayer creations – did you experience this as a holy connection with God? Then share joys and concerns and pray for one another; close with the Lord’s Prayer.*

## 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 COMMITMENT**

**Holy, holy, holy God, Creator of all things, please initiate a holy space – between you and me, between my neighbor and me, between strangers and me. Share with us how it is you make holy spaces: when two or three are gathered, when the bread and cup is shared in your name, when water drips the grace of baptism. God, there are times we can feel the infinite grace that is contained in a single moment of holiness: when a baby laughs, when I look at the stars, when a good story is told about someone we’ve lost. Helps us to embrace these holy spaces and teach us how to invite others to experience them too. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“Build Your Kingdom Here”**

1. Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

*Chorus:* Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

2. We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

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**BLESSING** *(table blessing for potluck/picnic)*

**Be present at our table Lord;  
Be here and everywhere adored;**

**Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.**

**ATTENDANCE CARD** *please fill out this portion, then tear off and drop in the offering*

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFO** *(if new, or has changed)*

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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