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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP

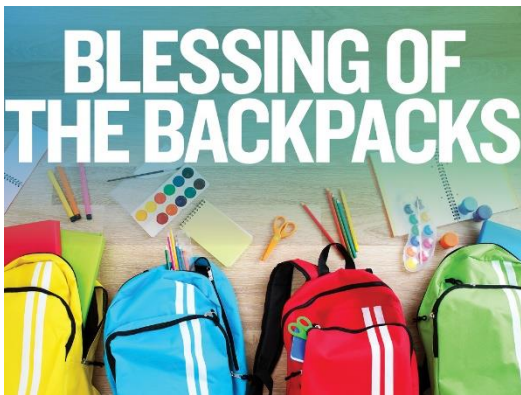
August 15, 2021



SUNDAYS 9:30 AM | POLKCITYUMC.ORG

“Faith From the Inside Out” | August 15 – September 12

We'll finish out the summer with a series based on the Disney Pixar film "Inside Out." The movie follows the emotions and experiences of 11-year-old Riley as her family goes through the transition of moving across the country. Join us as we discover how to live out our faith while balancing the emotions of sadness, fear, anger, disgust and joy!



Join us Next Sunday, August 22, for the **Blessing of the Backpacks!** Students, Teachers and School Staff are invited to bring your backpacks, briefcases or school bags to be blessed during worship as we send you all back to school with our prayers!

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 children's worship and fun activities, and will return to their families during the last song.

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GATHERING SONG

“Old Church Choir”

1. There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long
Can you hear it
Can you feel it
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

Pre-Chorus

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
(No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

2. When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh You are with me You never leave me

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

Interlude

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Ending

Oh there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

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WELCOME

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CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come before your God with praise and thanksgiving.

PEOPLE: The joy of God is our strength.

LEADER: Join with the heavens and the earth in telling the goodness of our God.

PEOPLE: The joy of God is our strength.

LEADER: Come let us worship God, who revives our souls.

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

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

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Bridge

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

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are invited to follow children's ministry leaders to the Wing in the Woods & will return during closing song

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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

UNISON PRAYER

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit. As we give our gifts this morning, we are reminded that our generosity strengthens us and the whole body, here and in the farthest parts of the globe. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the [Facebook comments](#) or the Attendance Card [on our website](#) or in the bulletin

PASTORAL 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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Our God Saves"

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace
Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Chorus

Our God saves our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves our God saves

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Galatians 5:22-23

Nehemiah 8: ¹When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel.

²So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. ³Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

⁵Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this^[a] because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

¹⁰"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!"

Galatians 5: ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

SONG OF SENDING

“Trading My Sorrows”

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

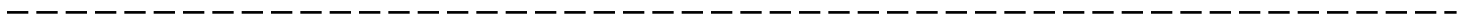
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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION

- Can you relate to any of the challenges the character “Joy” faces in the movie “Inside Out?” How so?
- How can God provide joy?
- What other feelings or emotions do you experience with joy?
- What do you think brings God joy?
- What are Christian responses to joy?
- Where else can joy be found in the Bible? What do we learn from that example?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God, we rejoice in the fruit of the Spirit. In experiencing your gifts of joy, love, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness, help us to use these gifts in the service of others. We trust that you are with us during times of different emotions and can help us learn about the emotions and responses of our siblings in Christ. Let your grace and freedom continue to inspire joy in our lives. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.



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

Name(s): _____

Prayer Request: _____

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