



**Welcome Back to Church!** Beginning today, we are back indoors for blended worship at 9:30 AM with children's chapel time during worship and coffee fellowship after. Masks are encouraged indoors – no matter your vaccination status – to protect unvaccinated children and immunocompromised individuals. *(We are still looking for nursery attendants – please share the information below with anyone who might be a good fit for this paid ministry position!)*

**Worship Volunteers Needed!** Sign up to serve as greeters, liturgy readers and audio/visual support (with training). Choose your dates and volunteer roles here: [www.polkcityumc.org/worship](http://www.polkcityumc.org/worship)

**Nursery Staff and Children's Chapel Teachers Needed!** This fall we are looking to hire two nursery staff attendants to fully staff the nursery for children under age 4. We're also looking for children's chapel teachers who will teach about once a month as part of a rotation of volunteers. See info at [www.polkcityumc.org/children](http://www.polkcityumc.org/children)



### **"Love Like Jesus" | New Series begins Sept. 19**

Love isn't just something you feel - Love does. Love acts in ways that brings healing, wholeness and restoration. Love can lead the way to a better life. Join us for a fall worship series that studies Jesus' life, teachings and actions so that we can become more deeply committed Christians who Love like Jesus!

**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's Chapel** Worship is important for children, too! That's why we have developed a Children's Chapel time so that children can start out in corporate worship with the whole church, then move to a time of age-appropriate children's messages, worship and bible activities planned for them. Children in Pre-K (age 3 & up) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to follow our ministry leaders at the appropriate time in worship; they will return to their families during the closing song.

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## GATHERING SONG

## “Church (Take Me Back)”

### Verse 1

There was a time that I swore I would never go back  
I was blind to the truth didn't know what I had  
I was running I was searching  
But ev'ry place I turned for healing  
Left me more broken than the last

### Chorus

Take me back  
To the place that feels like home  
To the people I can depend on  
To the faith that's in my bones  
Take me back to a preacher and a verse  
Where they've seen me at my worst  
To the love I had at first  
Oh I want to go to church

### Verse 2

Tried to walk on my own but I wound up lost  
Now I'm making my way to the foot of the cross  
It's not a trophy for the winners  
It's a shelter for the sinners  
And it's right where I belong

### Bridge

Oh more than an obligation it's our foundation  
The fam'ly of God  
I know it's hard but we need each other  
We're sisters and brothers oh

### Ending

Yeah I want to go to church  
Oh I want to go want to go I want to go  
Oh I want to go to church  
Oh I want to go to church

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## WELCOME

Please record your presence in the [Facebook comments](#) or on the Attendance Card [on our website](#) or in the bulletin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to praise and worship the Lord, our Saving God. Today, we sing our reverent thanks to our Loving God.

**People: As individuals and as a community, we praise and thank our God for giving us a sense of healing and wholeness.**

Leader: When we cried out to you in our sorrow and despair, you turned our night-time grief into morning's joy.

**People: Listening God, we rejoice in the security you give us, because of your past mercy and goodness towards us.**

Leader: O Lord our God, we will thank you always and forever. We will not be silent! Your love for us is so wonderful!

**People: Holy God, you have turned our sorrows into gladness, and our despair into joy. O God, how great is your love!**

Amen.

## SONG

## “How Great Thou Art” (with “How Great Is Our God”)

1. O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed

When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

Chorus Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art (2X)

3. When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

2. When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees

Bridge Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

Chorus 2  
How great is our God  
Sing with me

How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

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### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Lord, too often we take the easy option. We hide in shame. We avoid the Christian family. We bury ourselves in work. We come today asking for the courage to run to you instead of away from you when we are in trouble. Hear our prayers, Lord. Bend down low to see our sincerity. Guide us along the path of repentance that leads to reconciliation. Accept these gifts we offer today in gratitude for all that you provide for us. Embolden our church to share the hope we find in you to enrich the lives of our neighbors. Through Christ, the source of new life, we pray. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

*Children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to a time of children’s worship, message & activities and will return during closing song*

### 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

#### “Living Hope”

1. How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There’s salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

*Ending* Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 24:13-35 (MSG)**

### SERMON

**“When Sadness Gives Way to Joy”**

**Pastor Melody Webb**

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“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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**FOR FURTHER REFLECTION**

- **Sadness** (*noun*): a normal human emotion a person might experience during stressful or somber times
- **Depression** (*noun*): Depression (major depressive disorder) is a common and serious medical illness that negatively affects how you feel, the way you think and how you act. Depression causes feelings of sadness and/or a loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed.
- Sadness may seem all-encompassing, but you should still be able to find moments of happiness or comfort. This is different from the mental illness of depression, which tend to affect all aspects of life. Symptoms of depression may include constant feelings of sadness, irritability, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, changes in sleep or eating patterns and more. If you are experiencing these feelings, reach out to your healthcare provider.

*please record your attendance below, then tear off and drop in the offering plate*

**ATTENDANCE CARD**

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

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

**NEW / UPDATED CONTACT INFO:**

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

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