



Nursery Staff Needed! We're looking for **paid and volunteer** servants who love children to help keep the nursery during worship as a way to minister to our young families! Anyone willing to help – even once or twice a month – can fill out an **application here:** www.polkcityumc.org



Church Fall Festival Join us **TODAY** immediately following worship as we come together for a time of fun and connection. Enjoy food, games, a mission project, crafts and other activities for all ages!



Confirmation The next confirmation class for any **students in 7th & 8th grades** begins Oct. 24 and will meet about every other Sunday right after worship throughout the school year. We'll be taking some fun field trips, too! **Register here:** www.polkcityumc.org



Missions: Flood Buckets & Coat Drive Two ways to be personally involved in helping others. Bring **coats of all sizes** (children, youth & adults) for UMW's collection for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hills. **Now – Oct. 31st.**



Help those affected by recent hurricanes & flooding by donating **items for Flood Cleaning Kits**. These will be distributed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). **Now – Oct. 31st.**

More Information: www.polkcityumc.org



Church Annual Charge Conference Everyone is welcome to attend our church's charge conference with District Superintendent Rev. Heecheon Jeon on **Sunday, October 17 at 5:00 pm** at New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines.



Jesus asked, "What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
OCTOBER 10, 2021



#LOVELIKEJESUS | Fall Worship Series

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!

Fall Bible Challenge

Join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke in 6 weeks! Find the reading plan at www.polkcityumc.org/grow

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GATHERING SONG

“Good God Almighty”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website attendance card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Heidi Anderson

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

Many: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

Many: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

SONG OF PRAISE

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair.

Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3rd & 4th GRADERS

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

www.polkcityumc.org/children

Children age 3 & up invited to follow ministry leaders for children’s activities; they return during closing song

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

“Thy Word”

Hymn #601

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15 (CEB)

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Reckless Love”

SERMON

“Love Seeks the Lost”

Pastor Melody Webb

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & PRESENCE

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

Your gift in-person, by mail or mobile device, or online at www.polkcityumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

SONG OF SENDING

“Forever Reign”

BENEDICTION

If you are visiting with us, we’d love to connect with you! Please stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a Connect Card so that we can follow up with you and answer any questions you may have!

October Kindness Challenge

- During the month of October, let’s demonstrate love and kindness throughout our community and circles of influence! The challenge is to complete at least **one act of kindness each day**. (pick up a handout on the Information Board in the entry way)
- Use the hashtags **#polkcityumc** and **#lovelikejesus** to share the challenge on social media
- Hand out “**Kindness Tags**” when appropriate to encourage others to pass it on (pick up on the Information Board in the entryway)

Fall Bible Challenge | Week of October 10 – 16

- Read **Luke chapters 13-16**
- Find questions for reflection or discussion at www.polkcityumc.org/grow
- Want to join a texting, Facebook or in-person small group for discussion? Email Pastor Melody to get connected! melody.webb@polkcityumc.org

NEXT SUNDAY

- Puppets Children’s Message in worship!