



**Halloween Sunday** Everyone is invited to **wear your Halloween costume to worship** next Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>! The children of the church will “trick-or-treat” in the gathering space after worship! Bring your coins for the children’s LifeWater mission to help build a clean water well in Ethiopia, and bring some treats for the kids!



**Nursery Help Needed!** We’re looking for **paid and volunteer** servants who love children to help keep the nursery so that parents can worship and attend small groups without distraction or anxiety about their littles ones. Anyone willing to help – even once or twice a month – can fill out an **application here:** [www.polkcitiumc.org](http://www.polkcitiumc.org)

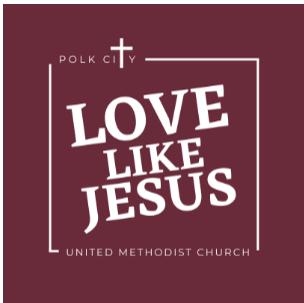


**October Missions**

- Bring **coats of all sizes** (children, youth & adults) for UMW’s collection for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hills.
- Help those affected by recent hurricanes & flooding by donating **items for Flood Cleaning Kits** (listed at [www.polkcitiumc.org](http://www.polkcitiumc.org))
- Donate **\$10 gas cards and quarters for laundromats** to our Family Helps ministry; collection jar in entryway
- Help our children’s ministry raise \$500 to help build a **clean water well in Ethiopia** through *Lifewater*; collection “well” in entryway
- Bring peanut butter, mac-n-cheese & other canned food items for the NP Comet Cupboard **food pantry**
- Support partner ministries such as **DMARC** and **Women at the Well** through special giving; designate ministry name on check, mobile or online giving



**Thanksgiving Potluck** Sunday, November 14 at 5:00 PM!



**Where is the Love?** Where are you seeing or showing **#LOVELIKEJESUS?** Use the index cards in the entryway to share those love sightings and acts of kindness & hang them on our board!

*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 24, 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. Our Fall worship series studies Jesus' life, teachings and actions in the gospel of Luke so that we can learn from his example how to become more deeply committed Christians who Love like Jesus!

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## GATHERING SONG

“You Are My Vision”

## WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

[www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship](http://www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Tess Young

*One: We come before God as equal in God’s sight.*

**Many: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**

*One: None of us is greater than another.*

**Many: God has called us God’s children and asked us to be compassionate and humble in our service of others.**

*One: We are called to joyful obedience in God’s kingdom.*

**Many: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God’s abundant love on us. AMEN.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Here I Am to Worship”

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. More than that, you adopted the role of servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely. As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves. We pray for forgiveness for choosing power over service, for seeking glory rather than humility, for pushing ourselves to the front when our presence is needed on the sidelines. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:14-27 (CEB)

## SONG OF REFLECTION

“Take My Life”

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

## SERMON

“Love Serves Others”

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](http://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](http://www.polkcityumc.org/give) supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity!*

*Find this week’s announcements on the back side of the bulletin, or on our website at [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)*

## SONG OF SENDING

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

## BENEDICTION

### DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Find more information about spiritual gifts and take a spiritual gifts assessment at [www.polkcityumc.org/serve](http://www.polkcityumc.org/serve)

### #LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS

Purchase one for \$10 & provide a free gift for our guests! Available at the Welcome Table

### 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 24-30

- Read **Luke chapters 21-24**
- Find questions for reflection or discussion at [www.polkcityumc.org/grow](http://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](mailto:melody.webb@polkcityumc.org)