



Nursery Help Needed! We're looking for people to help keep the nursery during worship so that parents can engage without distraction or anxiety about their littles ones. A TV monitor will livestream worship into the nursery so that volunteers & nursing moms can view worship from inside the room. Would you be willing to help just 6 times a year? One Sunday every other month? If so, please **fill out the form at: www.polkcitiumc.org** (*nursery attendants must go through child/youth safety screening*)



Spotlight on Missions

- Beginning in November, the **first Sunday of the month** we will take a special offering for our Family Helps Ministry. Bring **\$10 gas cards and quarters for laundromats** – there will be a collection basket in worship
- 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! Turkey and ham will be provided, along with drinks and table service. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to share that corresponds to the first letter of your last name:

- A – G Bread
- H – M Vegetable
- N – Z Dessert

Please RSVP to Charlotte Loter caloter@msn.com with a headcount



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 31, 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

“Living Hope”

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: Brooke Jetmund

One: Gracious God, we gather today to remember the suffering death of Jesus.

Many: He was despised and rejected, oppressed and afflicted, yet he was prepared to be wounded for our transgressions.

One: We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil,

Many: even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.

One: In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross,

Many: and so, in response to such love and sacrifice, we commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice.

One: Come and worship ...

SONG OF PRAISE

“The Wonderful Cross”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, we are caught in the tension of light and shadow, death and resurrection. You spoke the world into being, you illuminated the universe by your very speech, then filled the void with life. Indeed, you have filled the void of darkness and death, the empty promises of the abyss, with new life and new creation. We look to you in the space between the world and the Kingdom, longing for the fulfillment of your word in the work of the Holy Spirit and the reign of Christ, our Creator and King. Forgive us for the times when we have doubted you, denied you or betrayed you out of fear or selfishness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and faithful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:26-28,32-46 (CEB)

SONG OF REFLECTION

“By His Wounds”

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

SERMON

“Love Changes Everything”

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! Find this week's announcements on the back side of the bulletin, or on our website at www.polkcityumc.org

SONG OF SENDING

“We Believe”

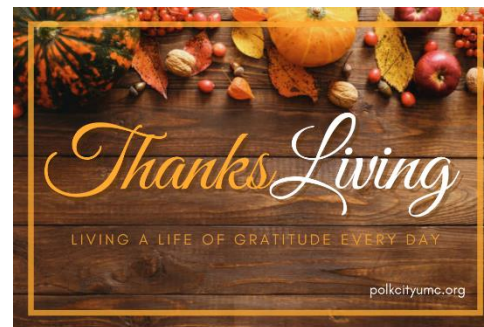
BENEDICTION

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Find more information about spiritual gifts and take a spiritual gifts assessment at www.polkcityumc.org/serve

#LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS

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



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

Thanks-Living: Living a Life of Gratitude Every Day

God's people are called to be thankful people more than just one day a year – to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is, and is to come.

Nov. 7: Thanks-Giving (All Saints Sunday, Communion)

Nov. 14: Thanks-Loving (Time & Talents Survey)

Nov. 21: Thanks-Living (Pledge Sunday)

NP Comet Cupboard Food Pantry & St. Luke's Free Clinic Open Hours: Wednesday Nov. 3 & 17

- Food Pantry: **5:00-6:30 PM** (email dbequeai967@msn.com with questions)
- Free Clinic: **6:00-8:00 PM** Flu Shots now available! (call 515-238-6425 for more information)