

***Potsdam United Methodist Church***



***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***  
***January 28, 2024***

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

Large print bulletins and listening assistive devices are available, \*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit

*At Potsdam UMC, all persons are welcome and celebrated regardless of gender, culture, nationality, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic circumstance, age, physical and mental ability, marital status or family structure.*

## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRELUDE

Prelude on "Evan," Gordon Young

*As the candles are lit, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer*

#### INTROIT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:  
P: in the rising of the sun,  
in the smile of another's face,  
L: in the touch of a hand  
or the sound of a laugh,  
P: in the scent of a flower  
holding the promise of spring.  
L: By this I have known the power of the Lord:  
P: in the healing of hurts,  
in the forgiveness of sin,  
L: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,  
P: in the shower of love  
that comes from God's Son.  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!  
All: Let us worship our God, whose presence  
and power endures forever! AMEN

\*HYMN O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come UMH #265

#### OPENING PRAYER

(1 Corinthians 8)

All: Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. AMEN

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits, struggling ones, for God will surround you with peace. Open your lives to God's power and presence and do not be afraid. God is with us, now and for all time. **AMEN**

**THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG** **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**... AND A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD**

**GOD'S WORD – THE OLD TESTAMENT** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**GOD'S WORD – THE EPISTLES** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**GOD'S WORD – THE GOSPELS** Mark 1:21-28

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Heidi Chamberlain **The Demon Within**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN** **He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought** **UMH #128**

**THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER** (UMH #270)

*Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts*

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** **No Shade So Rare,** **G. F. Handel**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** **UMH #94**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All:** Wondrous God, we delight in your abundant gifts and receive your bounty with thanks. As we share a portion of your abundance, transform our offerings, that they may be your promise of hope to a world in need. Transform our lives, that we may walk in your ways and be a light to all the world. **AMEN**

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN** **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** **UMH #140**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

L: Jesus comes to us, offering healing and hope,  
speaking and acting with authority.  
Listen to him. Go into this world, confident in God's love and healing power. Go in peace and may God's love and peace always be with you. **AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** **Prelude in G Minor, J. S. Bach**

*Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!*



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



**Jesus teaches as one who has authority.** [Mark 1:27]

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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Worship Team Meeting:** January 31st, 1:00pm – online.
- **SLC Arts - Accessible Arts Program:** meets on Tuesdays, downstairs, 10:00am-12:00pm.
- **Youth Group:** The ecumenical youth group for teens will resume on Monday, February 5, 2024, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church with Pastor Heidi Chamberlain and Pastor Katrina Hebb. We will meet the first Monday of each month, alternating church locations. See you soon!
- **CheeryOs:** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am. Bring your lunch, beverages are provided.

Worship Participants

<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner	<b>Acolyte:</b> Rebecca Clements
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Readers</b>
1/28: Trish Lewis, Robin Howard	1/28: Christa Carroll
2/4: Trish Lewis, TBA	2/4: Trish Lewis
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>
1/28: Nancy Matthews	2/4: Effa Sullivan
2/4: Carrie Livernois	3/3: Trish Lewis, Carrie Livernois

**Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain**

**Forever in Our Hearts, Choir Director: Warren Potter ♦ Organist: Deborah Nikkari**

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**Pastor’s Office Hours [Parsonage Office]: Monday 3:00 – 5:00 pm; Tuesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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