

# *Potsdam United Methodist Church*



## *By His Bruises*

REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE

## *Palm Sunday / Passion of the Cross*

PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

*March 24, 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** *Triumphal Procession* [Carolyn Hamlin]

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

**INTROIT** *We Sang Our Glad Hosannas* [TFWS #2111]

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 53:1-3

- L The Lord be with you.  
P And also with you.  
L We gather here to worship God.  
P We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us  
and to thank God for his love and his mercy  
L Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of  
the LORD been revealed?  
P He grew up before God like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
L He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing  
in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows,  
and familiar with suffering.  
P Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,  
and we esteemed him not.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

- L Let us pray.  
P Merciful God - as we remember how your son Jesus  
bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
how seven times he spoke, seven words of love,  
we ask you to bless our hearing.  
L Father, as we recall how all three hours His silence cried for mercy  
on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery  
of your love, and make us into a people  
who are ever more worthy of it. **AMEN**

**\*HYMN** *O How He Loves You and Me* **TFWS #2108**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG** **CHOIR ANTHEM**  
*How blessed is He Who Comes* [Alfred V. Fedak]

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*CENTERING HYMN Were You There**

**UMH #288, verses 1-2**

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

### **OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **OFFERTORY**

***Be Still* [Ashley Grote]**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION / THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #270)**

**L** Lord God, you have given us everything.

**P** You have not held anything back.

**L** Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

**P** Sanctify us Christ's name.

**All** Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we,  
like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,

**L** We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him,  
saying the prayer that he taught us...

**P** 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**

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

**\*CENTERING HYMN Were You There**

**UMH #288, verses 3-5**

*Please come forward during the hymn to receive palm leaves...  
... so we can remember how this time began.*

### **Extinguishing the Final Candle**



### **BENEDICTION**

**L** Depart now in peace - and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you,  
may his faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge of  
his love support you both now and forevermore,

**All AMEN**

#### **POSTLUDE**

***Chaconne* [Gordon Young]**

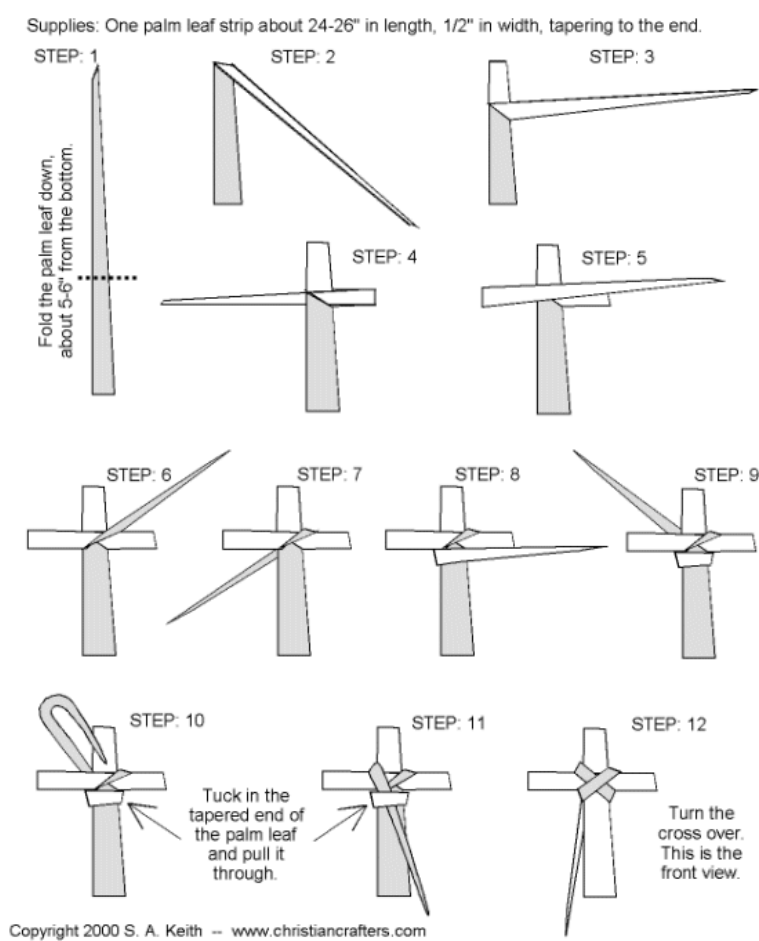
*Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!*

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# How to fold a Palm Cross

(...or simply ask Pastor Heidi to assist you!)



## MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **SLC Arts - Accessible Arts Program:** meets on Tuesdays, downstairs, 10:00am-12:00pm.
- **Maundy Thursday:** March 28, 6pm, Worship and Silent Communion.
- **Good Friday:** March 29, 12-3pm, Silent Vigil, the church will be open and Pastor Heidi will be present.
- **Easter Sunday:** March 31, 9:30am light brunch, decorating the Cross; 11am Worship Service.

Worship Participants	
<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner	<b>Acolyte:</b> Rebecca Clements
<b>Counters</b> March 24 Debby N., Sharon H. March 31 Robin H., Trish L.	<b>Readers</b> March 24 Tim Virgil, Trish Lewis March 31 Tom Ortmeier
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b> March 24 Carrie Livernois March 31 Effa Sullivan	<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b> April 7: Robin H., Judy H. May 5: Carol Willmert June 2: Ashley Fish

### Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

**Music Director and Organist:** Deborah Nikkari ♦ **Assistant Choir Director:** Anthony Steen

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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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