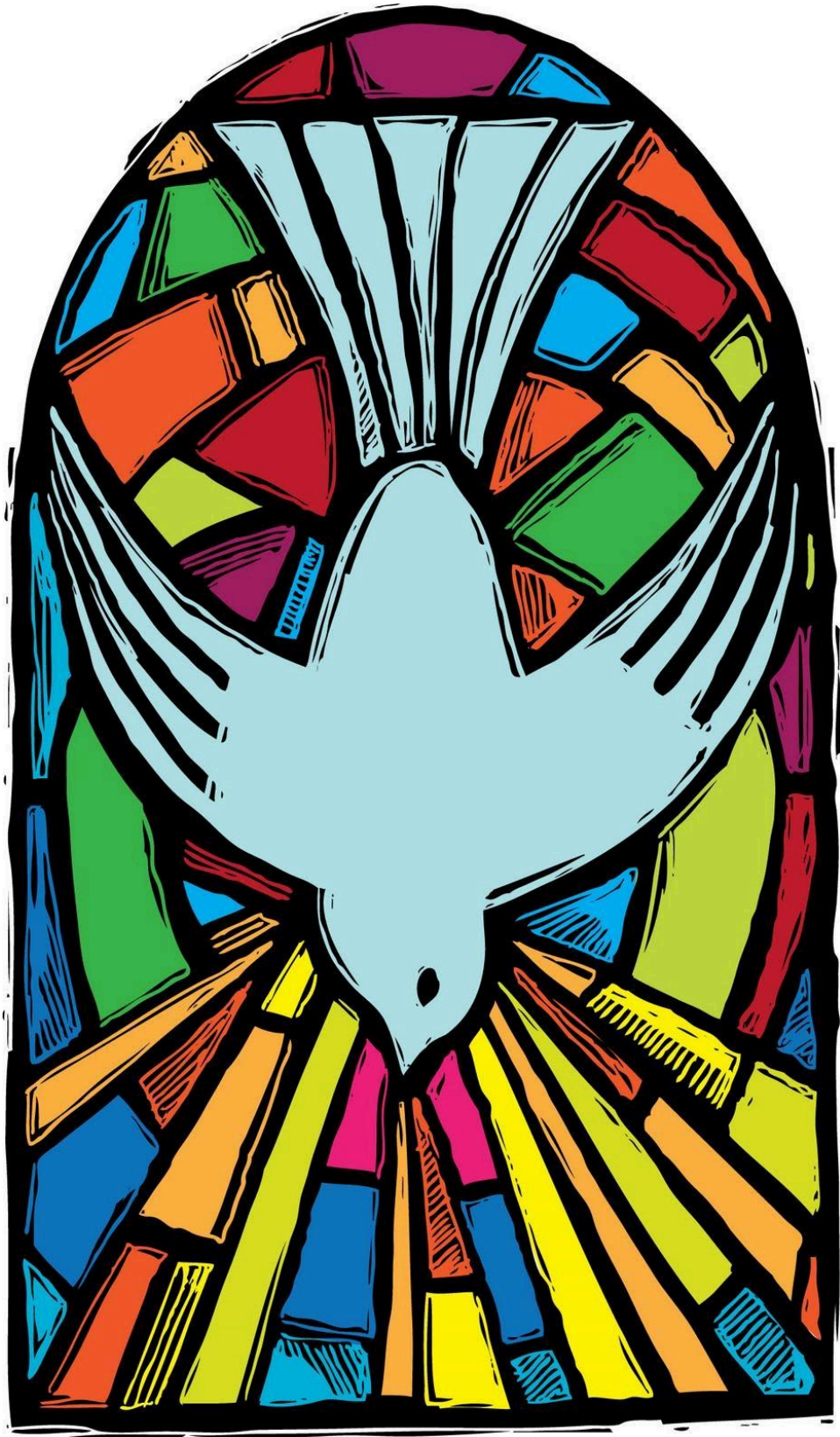


Potsdam United Methodist Church



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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 "Terra Beata" (This is My Father's World)*
English melody, arr. Bonnie Barrett

As you listen to the prelude, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We cry out for spiritual blessings.

Many: What must I do to inherit eternal life?

One: We declare that we have done what God asked of us.

Many: We have loved the Lord with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind.

One: Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Many: Yes.

One: Later, we have second thoughts and ask a curious question.

Many: Who is my neighbor?

One: Jesus tells us a story about someone who traveled through *that neighborhood*.

Many: We know the neighborhood. We drive around it, especially after dark.

One: The inevitable happened and *those people* attacked the traveler.

Many: Should have known better. Nobody with sense travels through there.

One: Wounded and unconscious, the traveler lay on the street. A preacher late for an appointment drove around the traveler and thought, "Someone's probably called 911 already."

Many: You never know if it's safe to stop these days.

One: A leader in the church drove by, but didn't stop.

Many: Probably thought it was a wino or a drug addict.

One: One of *those people* saw the wounded traveler and stopped to help. Outsiders seem to know that tomorrow they may need someone to help them.

Many: That was a risky thing to do.

One: Which of these people do you think was a neighbor to the wounded traveler?

All: Help us to do what God obviously expects us to do.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Do not be afraid. God’s love is reaching out to you,
to touch your hurt and wounds and to provide healing.
Receive God’s blessing and be assured of God’s eternal love for you.
AMEN

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...
... AND A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

Readings from the New TestamentColossians 1:1-14

Reading from the GospelLuke 10:25-37

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING *We Have Not Loved* Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS #2171

THE PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE THROUGH SONG:
For the Healing of the Nations UMH #428

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UMH #270)
Responding to God’s invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Reflection on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"*
by Johann Cruger, arr. Robert Lau

*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God, our Father, with these gifts we offer you our lives to do your
work in the world. Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our
leisure, our relationships with other people, our friendships and our
family life, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for
the future. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring them to
you. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Shalom to You

UMH #666

*BENEDICTION

L: Place your hand in the hand of God.
Go forth into this world in complete assurance of God’s presence and love.
Bring hope, healing, and peace to all whom you meet.
Go in peace and may God’s peace be with you. AMEN

POSTLUDE

Festival March Norman Warren

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world. ~Author Unknown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessings in a Bag:** Mondays & Wednesdays July 7th - August 6th. We will meet at 10:30am in the downstairs kitchen. *We are in need of more peanut butter, jam or jelly, pre-packaged cookies/snack bars, and individual bags of chips/goldfish/Doritos.*
- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **Acapella North Chorus Rehearsal:** Tuesdays, 5:30-9pm throughout the summer.
- **Youth Car Wash:** July 19th 1-3, in the Church parking lot.

Worship Participants	
Microphone: Norm Gardner	Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish
Counters	Readers
July 13: Debby Nikkari, Robin H.	July 13: Tom Ortmeyer
July 20: Tom Ortmeyer, Christa C.	July 20: Christa Carroll
July 27: Carrie Livernois, Tom O.	July 27: Kathy Demo?
Greeters/Ushers	Fellowship Time Hosts
July 13: Robin Howard, Judy Haer	Aug. 3: Carrie Livernois
July 20: Nancy Matthews	Sept. 7: Robin H. & Judy Haer
July 27: Kathy Demo?	Oct. 5: Sue and John Loope

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

Guest Musician for today: Organist Emeritus - Debby Nikkari

Musician: Dr. Risa Okina ♦ Choir Director: Anthony Steen

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