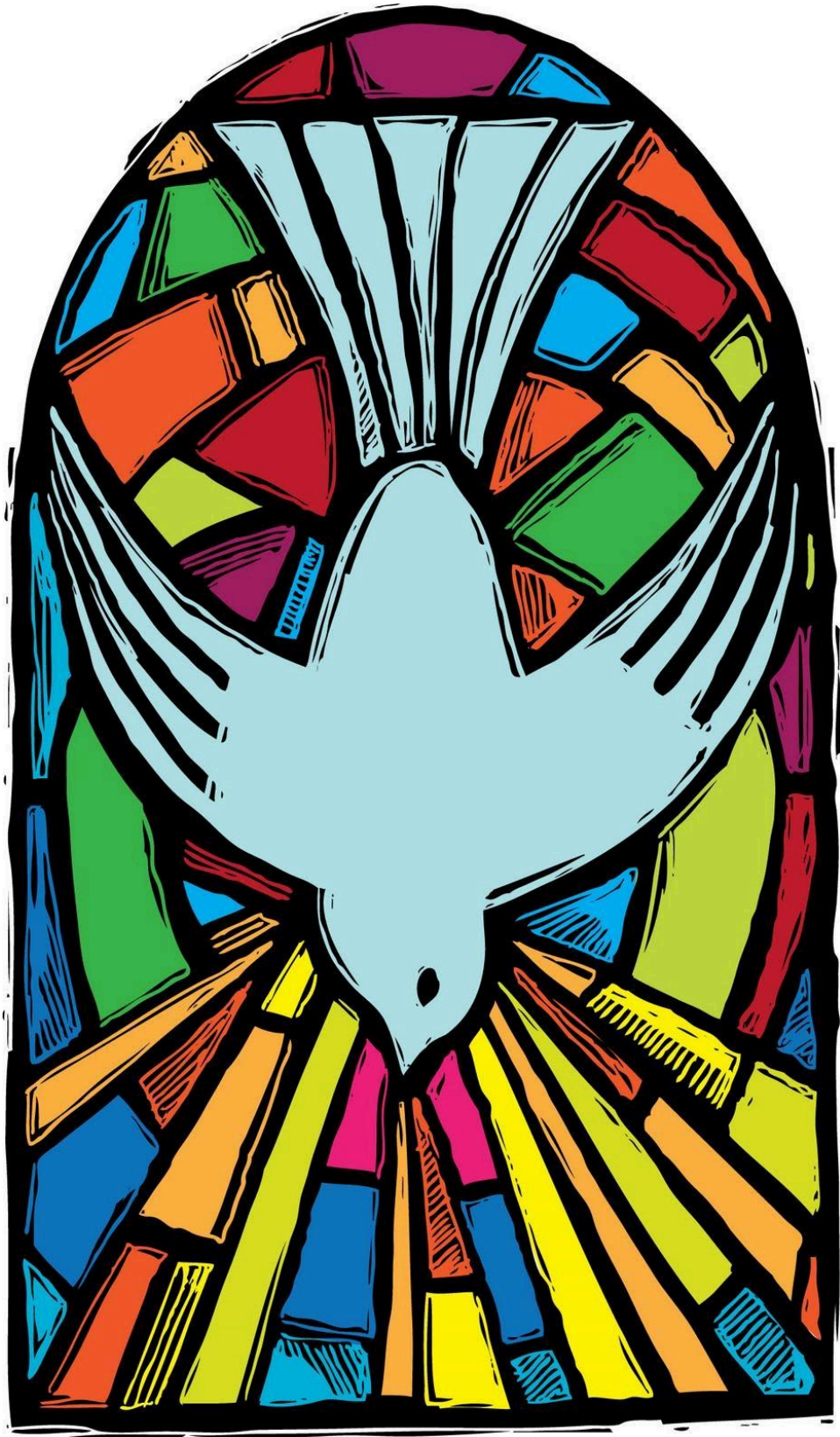


# *Potsdam United Methodist Church*



*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

*We'll Bring the World His Truth*

**Music by Janice Kapp Perry/Arranged by Justin K. Reeve**

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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**All:** **Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love. AMEN**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2025.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**L:** Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires: we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness.

In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. **AMEN**

#### \*HYMN

*Take my Life, And Let It Be*

**UMH #399**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All:** Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives. Open our hearts today to hear your words of justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN**

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...

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

Readings from the New Testament

Colossians 3:1-11

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING    The Love Never Stops Here    Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**UMH #557**

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 270)

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

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER TO POTSDAM UMC – Anthony Steen

*[See Insert]*

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Music by Johann Cruger/Arranged by Brian Richey*

**\*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 of infinite grace and patience, we dedicate to you the gifts we offer, while we remember and confess that we have not always been wise in how we've used the resources you have entrusted to us. We have bought into the thought that in accumulating money and possessions, we can assure ourselves of living comfortable lives. In doing so, we begin to trust more in ourselves than in you. Remind us as we ask you to bless what we give, that we are in fact the ones blessed in the giving and in the trusting. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, who trusted completely. **AMEN** (Luke 12:13-32)

**A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*[Come to The Table – TFWS #2264]*

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN**

*Seek Ye First*

**UMH #405**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**L:** Children of God, receive this blessing:  
may the renewing grace of the Triune God surround you;  
may the steadfast love of the Triune God uphold you,  
and may the goodness of the Triune God entice you to set your mind on Christ,  
that you may live as God's image-bearers and gospel-bringers wherever you go. **AMEN**

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

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Three Kinds of Givers

There are three kinds of givers: the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb. Which kind are you?

To get anything from the flint, you must hammer it. Yet, all you get are chips and sparks. The flint gives nothing away if it can help it, and even then, only with a great display.

To get anything from the sponge, you must squeeze it. It readily yields to pressure and the more it is pressed, the more it gives. Still, one has to squeeze it.



To get anything from the honeycomb, however, one must only take what freely flows from it. It gives its sweetness generously, dripping on all without pressure, without begging or badgering. The honeycomb is a renewable resource. Unlike the flint or the sponge, the honeycomb is connected to life; it is the product of the ongoing work and creative energy of bees. If you share like a honeycomb giver your life will be continually replenished and grow as you give.

When we share, we freely give and we acknowledge that all we have is on loan and others have as much right to the things of God’s creation as we do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessings in a Bag:** Mon. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> & Mon. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 10:30am in the downstairs kitchen.
- **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.

Worship Participants			
<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner		<b>Acolytes:</b> Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
<b>Counters</b>		<b>Readers</b>	
Aug. 3:	Robin Howard, Debby N.	Aug. 3:	Nancy Matthews
Aug. 10:	Christa Carroll, Carrie L.	Aug. 10:	Sharon Hutchinson
Aug. 17:	Debby Nikkari, Robin H.	Aug 17:	Collen Gondo
Aug. 24:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa C.	Aug. 24:	Tom Ortmeyer
Aug. 31:	Carrie Livernois, Tom O.	Aug. 31:	Christa Carroll
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>		<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>	
Aug. 3:	Robin H. & Judy Haer	Aug. 3:	Robin H. & Judy Haer
Aug. 10:	TBA	Sept. 7:	Carrie Livernois
Aug 17:	Robin Howard, Judy Haer	Oct. 5:	Sue and John Loope
Aug. 24:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 2:	Carol Willmert
Aug. 31:	Kathy Demo?	Dec. 7:	Ashley Fish and Family

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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