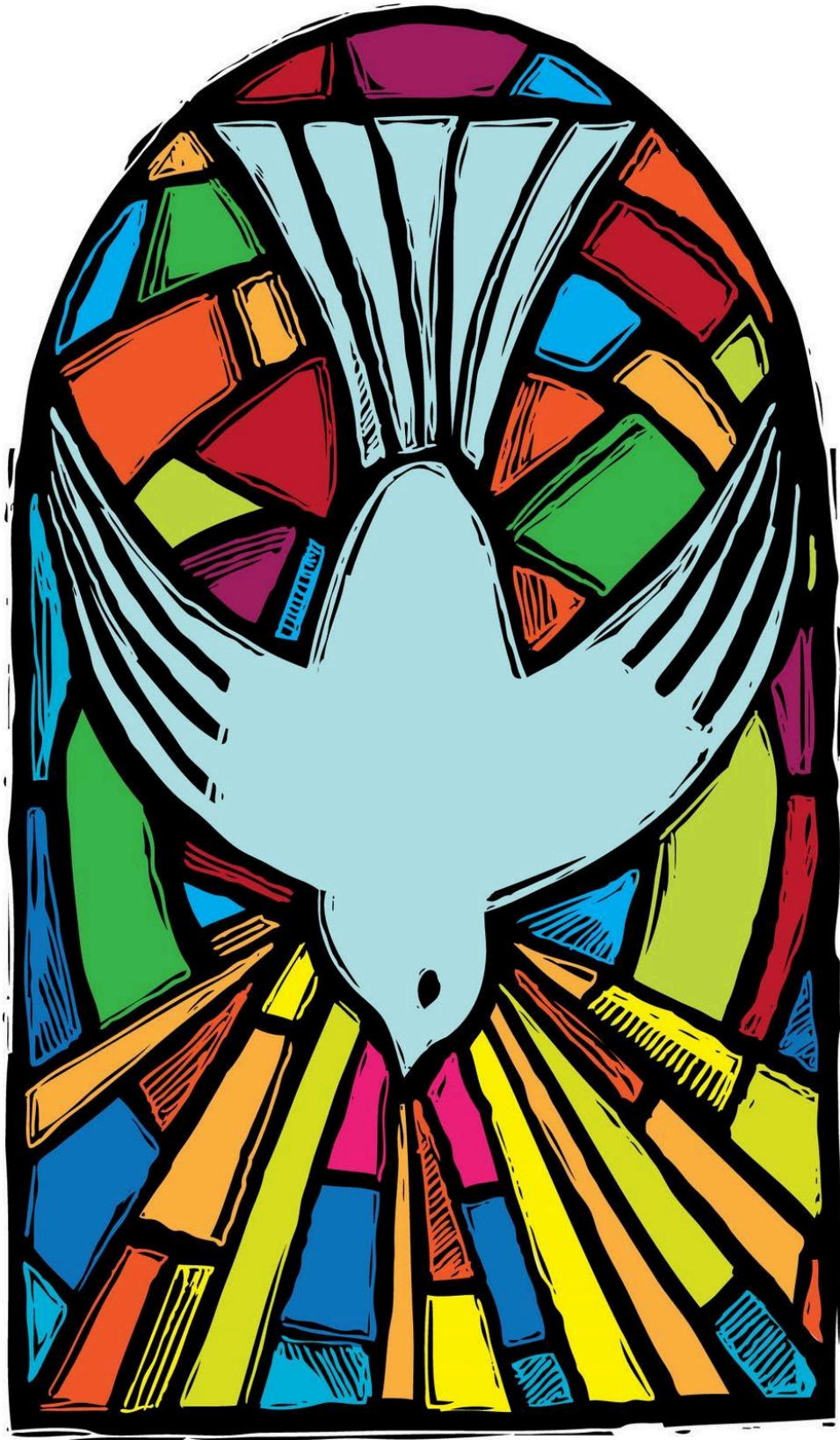


# *Potsdam United Methodist Church*



*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 10, 2025*

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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

Guest musician ~ Diane Romlein

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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

P: **Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.**

L: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

P: **Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.**

L: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

P: **Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN**

#### \*HYMN

*What Does the Lord Require of You*

TFWS #2174

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling us today.

We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith

in ministries of peace and justice,

offering compassion to all in need.

Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words

of encouragement and challenge.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC from our guest soloist ~ Judi Merriam**

***I Will Go by Steve Green & Douglas Mckelvey***

## AND THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

## Reading from the New Testament

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

## Reading from the Gospel

## Luke 12:32-40

## MESSAGE OF THE MORNING

**FREE!**

**Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*HYMN

## *I Know Whom I Believed*

# UMH #714

# 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 MUSIC

## Guest musician ~ Diane Romlein

## \*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: Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope,  
to trust in what we cannot see.**

**As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith  
faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love.**

**Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom  
and our trust in your promises.**

**May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction,  
seeking that better world you have prepared for us.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN** (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

## \*HYMN

## Seek Ye First

# UMH #405

## \*BENEDICTION

L: Children of God, by faith, God has brought us this far.

Go now in the blessing of the God who goes before you and behind you, surrounding you on all sides with grace as we journey toward a better world in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond. **AMEN**

## POSTLUDE

## Guest musician ~ Diane Romlein

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



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessings in a Bag Lunches for the Beach:** 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. 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. 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**  
**Guest Musician ~ Diane Romlein (organist)**  
**Special Music ~ Judi Merriam (soloist)**

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