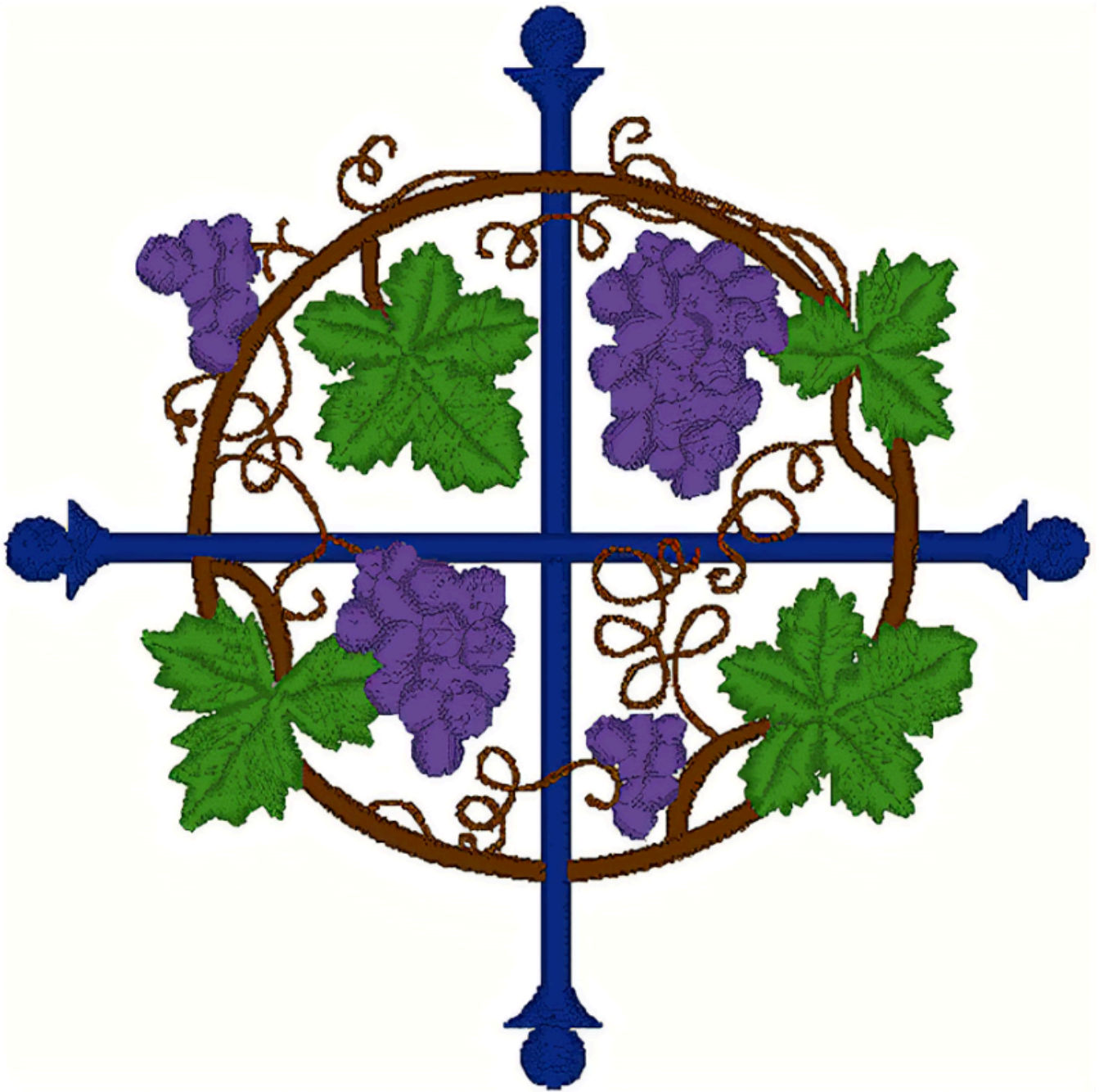


Potsdam United Methodist Church



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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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Guest Musician ~ Debbi Nikkari
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander, music by John Rutter

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

P: **But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

L: What happened in that place of promise?

P: **People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.**

L: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

P: **Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. AMEN**

*HYMN

We Walk By Faith

TFWS #2196

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD - THE PSALMS Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

UMH #801

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, Our spirits to hear your words of healing, encouragement, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

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

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

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

The Song of the Vineyard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH #577

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 *Andantino ~ Aram Khatchaturian* Guest Musician ~ Debbi Nikkari

***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: Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with
a great cloud of witnesses, Those who have gone before us
and those who walk beside us in faith.

As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude,
knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in
the world.

Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us,
so that through our giving and through our living,
we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all
your saints.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **AMEN** (Hebrews 11:29-12:2)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Guide My Feet

TFWS #2208

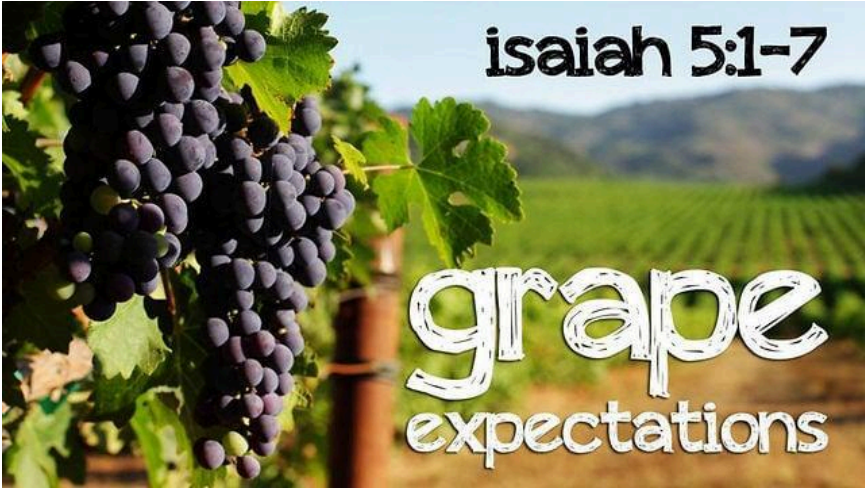
***BENEDICTION**

L: Plant us again in your vineyard, O Lord. Help us to grow in our witness
and service to you by serving others. May your peace always be with
us! **AMEN**

POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Guest Musician ~ Debbi Nikkari
African American Spiritual, arranged by Michael Larkin

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The GOOD Cup – Wednesdays at NOON at Jernaby Coffeehouse will not meet this coming Wednesday, 08-20-2025.** We look forward to seeing you the following week: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025.**
- **Acapella North Chorus Rehearsal:** Tuesdays, 5:30-9pm, Beginning May 27th, and throughout the summer.
- **A Journey Through Grief ~** Potsdam United Methodist Church as part of the Potsdam Interfaith Community is sponsoring a once-a-month peer-lead bereavement support group for adults. Our aim is to offer a space for sharing and caring for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We will share a time for “Community, Conversation, and Comfort” while taking a shared journey: the road to life after grief. All are welcome, join when you are ready, stay as there is need. **Second Thursday of each Month, 4:00 - 6:00 pm beginning September 11th in the upstairs Fellowship Room.**

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
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
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Aug 17:	Robin Howard, Judy Haer	Sept. 7:	Carrie Livernois
Aug. 24:	Nancy Matthews	Oct. 5:	Sue and John Loope
Aug. 31:	Kathy Demo?	Nov. 2:	Carol Willmert
		Dec. 7:	Ashley Fish and Family

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

Guest Musician ~ Debby Nikkari (organist)

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

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