

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 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

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Tennessee Harmony, 1818. arr. Joseph Knapicius, b 1957

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has placed God's hand on you for healing and restoration.

P: **Praise God who lavishes such love on us.**

L: God has called you to special service and witness.

P: **Praise God who encourages us to use our gifts to help others.**

L: Let us rejoice and praise God!

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

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation,
pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready
to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

***HYMN** *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee* **UMH #263**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD - THE PSALMS *Psalm 71:1-6* **UMH #794**

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 Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 12:18-29

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to me

UMH #463

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

Did you think to pray?
William O. Perkins arr. Keith D Rowley

*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: Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings,
but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom.
Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love,
knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve.
Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy,
bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary.
With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts,
that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN
(Hebrews 12:18-29)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Whom Shall I Send

UMH #582

***BENEDICTION**

L: Go now in the blessing of God’s love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God’s promises
as you work for a world of justice and mercy for all. AMEN

POSTLUDE

There is a Green Hill Far Away
John H. Gower arr. Summer Decker Nelson

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *Ministry Matters.com* ©2022 & *Discipleship Ministries* ©2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The GOOD Cup – Wednesdays at NOON at Jernaby Coffeehouse.**
- **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.**
- **Choir begins again:** Sunday, September 7, 2025. All are welcome to “make a joyful noise!”

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Aug. 24:	Tom Ortmeier, Christa C.	Aug. 24:	Tom Ortmeier
Aug. 31:	Carrie Livernois, Tom O.	Aug. 31:	Christa Carroll
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Aug. 24:	Nancy Matthews	Sept. 7:	Carrie Livernois
Aug. 31:	Kathy Demo	Oct. 5:	Sue and John Loope
		Nov. 2:	Carol Willmert
		Dec. 7:	Ashley Fish and Family

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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Pastor’s Office Hours as scheduled with Pastor Heidi Chamberlain

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