

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 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

Each Life That Touches Ours For Good

music by A. Laurence Lyon arr. By AnnMarie Murdock

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

INTROIT

Jesus Calls Us

[UMH #398, vs 1&5]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Gracious God, your people are suffering.

Where there is woundedness,

P: **help us bring healing.**

L: Where there is discouragement,

P: **help us bring support and comfort.**

L: Where there is dismay and mourning,

P: **help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities.**

All: **Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope,
the One we turn to in times of trouble.**

In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Written by Rebecca Gaudino

L: The God of our salvation, the God who weeps for us and for our world,
desires everyone to be saved.

Christ Jesus, a human like us, gave himself as a ransom for all.

Through the love of the one God and the one mediator, we are
forgiven. **AMEN**

*HYMN

How Long, O Lord

TFWS #2209

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: **Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to
seek and save the lost.**

**May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away
from the world but reach out in love to rescue the wayward,
by the mercy of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul By: Mark Hayes

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

PRAYER OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: We seek to serve you, O God, by serving others: the poor, the needy, the least, and the lost. Help us hear anew your words, that we may become more faithful stewards of the gifts
you give us each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

GOD’S WORD - THE EPISTLES 1 Timothy 2:1-7

HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **UMH #206**

GOD’S WORD –THE GOSPELS Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING *Lost & Found* Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace* **UMH #431**

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 *O Thou Kind and Gracious Father*
music by George Careless arr. By Dale McAllister, 2011

***THE DOXOLOGY** **UMH #94**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: When we give of ourselves, we practice the spiritual discipline of stewardship.
When we are faithful over a few things in this life, in the life to come we may be faithful over much, much more.
May God bless us in our giving, that God’s kingdom may be here with us on earth. **AMEN**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

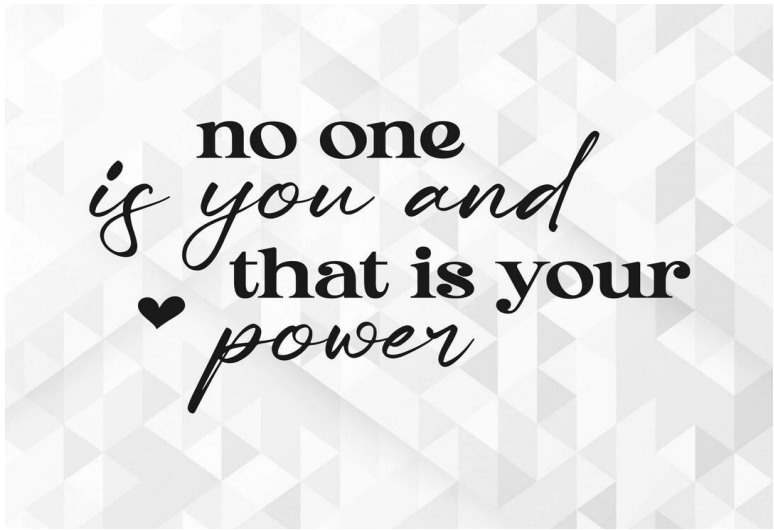
***HYMN** *I Surrender All* **UMH #354**

***BENEDICTION**

L: By our words and deeds, we show God
that we are faithful with the gifts we have received.
P: **Whether over a little or a lot,**
we seek to be faithful stewards of God’s gifts.
L: Take the gifts of God into the world,
remembering the poor, the least, and the lost.
All: **We will take God’s gifts to a hurting world,**
spreading a healing balm in all that we do.
Praise be to God!

POSTLUDE *We Ever Pray for Thee*
music by H.A. Tuckett arr. By Terri Hutchings
Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Craft Group 1:** meets at the Parsonage the first Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. The next meeting is October 2nd.
- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is on October 9th.
- **Craft Group 2:** meets at the Parsonage the third Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. The next meeting is October 16th.



The Gathering Plate: "A Family dinner gathering" designed with our college students in mind... but everyone is invited. **Saturday, September 27th at 4pm**, in the Carter Room downstairs. Pastors Heidi and Carl are providing a couple of sheet pizzas and a basic tossed salad. Other items to share are appreciated, if folks feel so led to potluck this up a bit. This is going to be a monthly gathering for September, October, and November, on the last Saturday of each month. **Plan to join us to enjoy fellowship and a simple meal.**

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Sept. 21:	Debby Nikkari, TBA	Sept. 21:	Sharon Hutchinson
Sept 28:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	Sept. 28:	Collen Gondo
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Sept. 21:	Kathy Demo	Oct. 5:	Sue and John Loope
Sept. 28:	Nancy Matthews	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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