

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

Summer by Joe Hisaishi

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

INTROIT

When the Church of Jesus

[UMH #592, vs. 1&3]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 91)

L: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge
and fortress, the one in whom we trust."

L: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

P: They will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day.

L: "Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord.

P: O Lord, we call to you now. Show us your salvation.

*OPENING PRAYER

All: O God, you are righteous and just, and call us to share our riches with the poor. Like the rich man who feasted sumptuously every day, while Lazarus lay hungry and dying outside his gate, we are easily trapped by desires that lead to our ruin and destruction. Help us be rich in good works, rather than in earthly treasures. Teach us to be generous and ready to share all we have with those in need. Help us take hold of the life that really is life. AMEN

*HYMN

I Sing a Song of The Saints of God

UMH #712

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Based on Jeremiah 32, Psalm 91, 1 Timothy 6, Luke 16)

All: God, your holy word invites us to place our trust in you.

May the words we will hear here today, take root in our lives.

May the words we will receive in our hearts,

strengthen us to live more boldly in faith,

that we may trust you in disaster and boon,

in good times and bad, in death and in life.

L: "The word of the LORD came to me." I know this is the word of the Lord.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go,
Arr: AnnMarie Murdock

... 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 6:6-19

HYMN *Are Ye Able!* UMH #530, vs 1

GOD'S WORD -THE GOSPELS

Luke 16:19-31

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING Lost Forever? Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Why Stand So Far Away, My God?* TFWS #2180

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 God, the Eternal Father*
by Felix Mendelssohn arr. by Dale McAllister, 2011

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts.

You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,

that we may take hold of the life that really is life.

We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* UMH #672

*BENEDICTION (Based on Psalm 91, 1 Timothy 6)

L: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and Gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you. Go forth, rejoicing in God.

P: Thanks be to God! **AMEN**

POSTLUDE *Beside a Quiet Lake from In Summer Fields* by Florence B. Price

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The rich man's sin was not
that he was rich,
but that, during his earthly life,
he did not "see" Lazarus,
despite his daily presence
at the entrance to his home.



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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Worship Team Meeting:** Immediately following worship today.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** meets at the Parsonage the first Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. The next meeting is **October 2nd**. Sign-up sheet on the piano in Fellowship Hall, or contact Pastor Heidi at pastorheidi@potsdamumc.org.
- **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**.
- **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 on the last Saturday of each month. **Plan to join us for a time of “family” fun, food and fellowship with friends...with those you may already know and those you are about to meet.**

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner	Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish
Counters	Readers
Sept 28: Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	Sept. 28: Collen Gondo
Oct. 5: Carrie Livernois, Tom O.	Oct. 5: Tom Ortmeyer
Oct. 12: TBA, Debby Nikkari	Oct. 12: Christa Carroll
Oct. 19: Christa Carroll, Carrie L.	Oct. 19: Kathy Demo
Oct. 26: Debby Nikkari, TBA	Oct. 26: Nancy Matthews
Greeters/Ushers	Fellowship Time Hosts
Sept. 28: Nancy Matthews	Oct. 5: Sue and John Loope
Oct. 5: Kathy Demo	Nov. 2: Carol Willmert
Oct. 12: Carrie Livernois	Dec. 7: Ashley Fish and Family
Oct. 19: Norm Gardner	
Oct. 26: TBA	

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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