

Potsdam United Methodist Church

WORLD



COMMUNION

Sunday October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday ~ October 5, 2025

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

Longing for Home by Florence B. Price

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

INTROIT

I Will Trust in the Lord

[UMH #464]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who are weary and burdened. It is here that you will find rest.

P: **We come, bringing our joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams to God.**

HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236, verse 1

L: Though we are different and have encountered a host of differing circumstances, God awaits us with God's healing touch.

P: **Stress and strife, sorrow and sadness claim too much of our lives.**

HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236, verse 2

L: Come, now is the time to give to God all the brokenness you have experienced.

P: **Healing and Restoring God, touch our lives and bring us to wholeness with you. AMEN.**

HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236, verse 3 & 4

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OPENING PRAYER

L: Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come Holy Spirit – written by Gordon Young

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

GOD’S WORD - THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 5:15-20

GOD’S WORD – THE GOSPELS

John 6:51-58

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

World Communion Sunday - One God, One People

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

I Come with Joy

UMH #617

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

Secret Prayer by Hans Henry Petersen
arr.by Dale McAllister, 2010

***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: O God, Transform our gifts into the work of ministry and
into the bread of life so that in our giving, others may be fed.
In your name, we pray. **AMEN**



A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Bind Us Together

TFWS #2226

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness.
May this meal we have shared here today fill our souls with Love.
May the meal we share with all the world fill the world with Hope.
May we leave this table refreshed and replenished,
ready to be recipients and agents of Grace. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Cavatina by Stanley Meyers

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

About our World Communion Sunday Special Offering...

Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. The World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students. Students who receive scholarships study in a wide variety of fields: family pastoral care, Christian-Muslim relations, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law, health, rural development and more.

World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

Offering proceeds provide scholarships for international and United States (racial- and ethnic-minority) graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

- Half of the offering provides Crusade Scholarships for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students through the World Communion Scholarship Program. Crusade Scholars represent more than 25 countries.
- Thirty-five percent supports Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students.
- Fifteen percent funds Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated with an offering the first Sunday of October.

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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Worship Team Meeting:** Immediately following worship today.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Monday, October 6th, 10:30am, Carter Room.
- **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, October 25th at 4pm**, in the Carter Room downstairs. 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.**
- **Annual Charge Conference:** Saturday, Nov. 1st at 1:pm, here at our church. We will be hosting seven other churches, and will need to supply refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet on the piano, or you can Contact Kathy Demo at 315-212-9283 or jkdemo80@gmail.com for more information.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** meets at the Parsonage the first Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. The next meeting is **November 6th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the piano in Fellowship Hall, or contact Pastor Heidi at pastorheidi@potsteamumc.org.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Oct. 5:	Carrie Livernois, Tom O.	Oct. 5:	Tom Ortmeier
Oct. 12:	Robin Howard, 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	
Oct. 5:	Kathy Demo	Oct. 5:	Sue and John Loope
Oct. 12:	Carrie Livernois	Nov. 2:	Carol Willmert
Oct. 19:	Norm Gardner	Dec. 7:	Ashley Fish and Family
Oct. 26:	Robin Howard, Judy Haer		

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain
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