

# *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** *Three-fours: Valse-Suite, no. 1* by **S. Coleridge-Taylor, Op. 71**

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

**INTROIT**                      *There's Something About That Name*                      [UMH #171]

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** When we are lonely and feeling lost . . .

**P:** **Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.**

**L:** When we are angry and frustrated . . .

**P:** **Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.**

**L:** When we are sorrowful and broken . . .

**P:** **Jesus binds up our wounds with his healing love.**

**L:** Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us.

**All: AMEN**

**\*HYMN**                      **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**                      **UMH #140**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**All:** For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**L:** Look to God in all the places you feel hemmed in and bound, exiled and isolated. Open your eyes to God's presence. Trust God in the deepest parts of your being, that silently or boldly, your life may reflect the Spirit of the One who makes us whole. **AMEN**

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**                      *Just One Touch; by Carolyn Hamlin*

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

**GOD'S WORD - THE EPISTLES**

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

**GOD'S WORD -THE GOSPELS**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**Something Beautiful**

**UMH #394**

**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**

*Sing We Now at Parting*

**\*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:** When the leper ran back to thank Jesus for healing, new life, and fresh possibilities,  
Jesus was amazed and moved that a Samaritan would come to a Jew  
and give heartfelt thanks.  
Jesus sent this man on his way with blessings, for he saw that healing  
had permeated his life. He was whole through and through.  
We too have known the healing and saving God in our lives,  
and we will know this God yet again.  
So, let our offering today be our thanksgiving for the mercy and goodness  
and ever-faithfulness of God. **AMEN** (Luke 17:11-19)

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**

**Give Thanks**

**TFWS #2036**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,*  
*Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.*  
*And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich*  
*because of what the Lord has done for us.” [AFTER REPEAT:] Give thanks!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**L:** Jesus said to the leper,  
“Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well.”  
Let us all claim Jesus’ healing and liberation in our lives.  
Get up and go on your way!  
In Jesus’ name, your faith has made you whole  
And all God’s people say:

**P: AMEN**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Love Theme from Sunflower music by Henry Mancini,*  
*arr. By S. Sakamoto*

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

LEPER – Rev. Timothy Haut

She stopped  
Suddenly as if she noticed  
For the first time  
Her strong, clean hands,  
The tools of  
Her living, her labor, her tenderness.  
Holding them up high--  
Spread open like stars--  
She peered in wonder  
At the world  
Caught between her fingers:

The child running through long grass  
The crimson leavens  
spiraling against blue sky,  
The outline of a hawk, swimming  
And the sweet sunlight  
Shining like a miracle,  
Illuminating her joyous face  
"Thank you,"  
she said to the silent presence  
her arms raised and ready  
to grasp the whole blessed universe  
"Thank you for all of it."

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *MinistryMatters.com* ©2019-2025

MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, **Wednesdays at noon** at Jernabi Coffee House. **Pastors Heidi and Carl are away on October 15th, so there will be no good cup this week.**
- **Finance Team Meeting:** Tuesday, **October 21st at 10am**, Fellowship Hall.
- **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 4th 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](mailto: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@potsdamumc.org](mailto:pastorheidi@potsdamumc.org).
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is on **November 13th**.

| Worship Participants            |                             |                                        |                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner |                             | <b>Acolytes:</b> Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish |                        |
| <b>Counters</b>                 |                             | <b>Readers</b>                         |                        |
| 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         |
| <b>Greeters/Ushers</b>          |                             | <b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>           |                        |
| 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  
Guest Speaker ~ Tom Ortmeyer

Musician: Dr. Risa Okina ♦ Choir Director: Anthony Steen  
Substitute Choir Director: Debby Nikkari

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