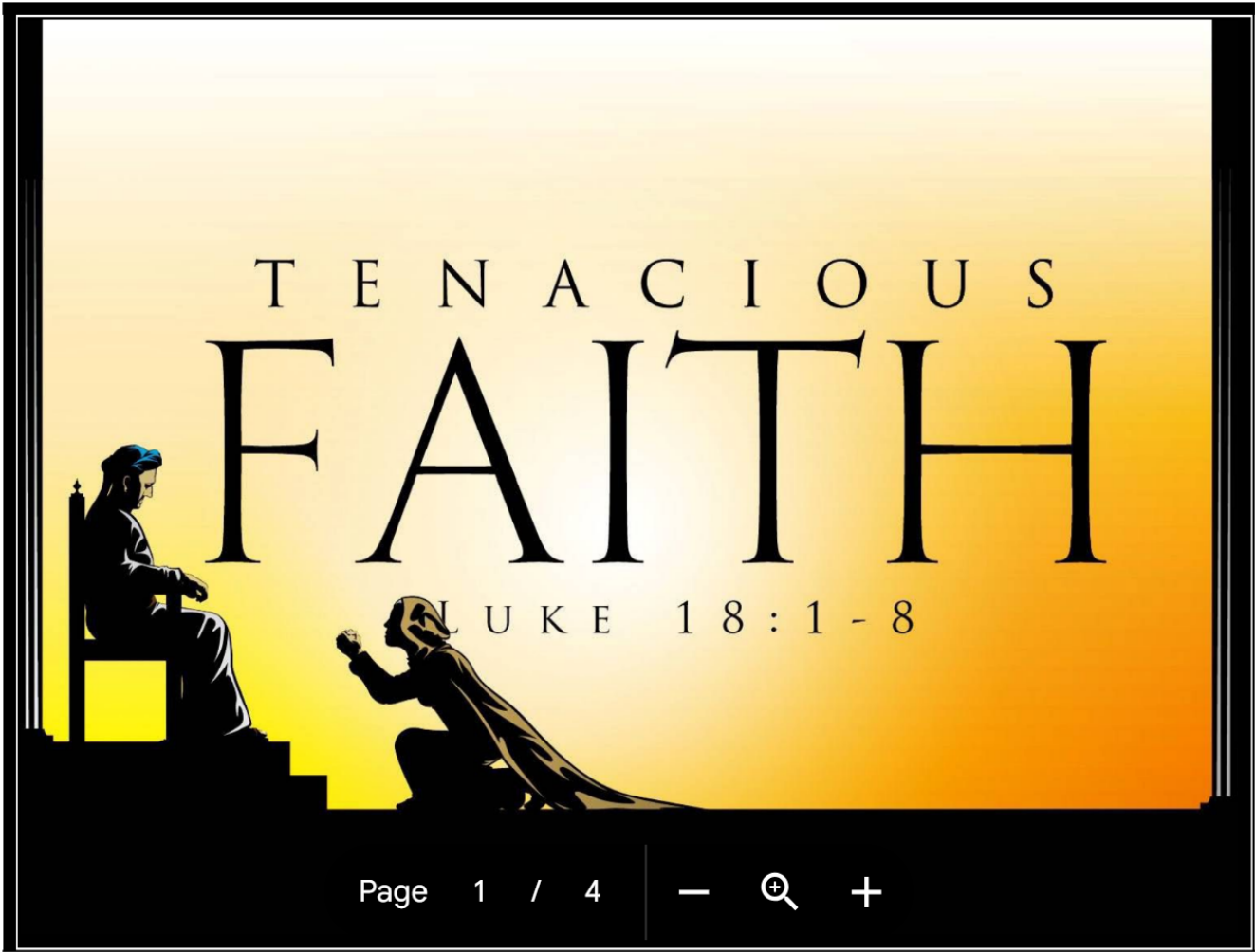


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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

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 *Fantasia: Inspired by a Japanese folk song, "Akatonbo (Red Dragonfly)"*
by Naomi

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

INTROIT *Beautiful Words of Life* [UMH #600]

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG (& NOT-SO-YOUNG) CHRISTIANS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

P: **This is the place where God
will transform us into disciples.**

L: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

P: **This is the place where God
will write compassion on our souls.**

L: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

P: **This is the place where God
will breathe the Word into our lives.**

ALL: AMEN

OPENING PRAYER

A Call to Reconciliation & Forgiveness

L: Seeking to follow Jesus, we often wander down the wrong roads.
Impatient with God's schedule, we rush off to do things our way.
Let us confess our foolishness, that we might receive God's hope each day.

ALL: Author of Life,

**Your words are given to us, so we might be reformed,
but we are intent on changing others.**

**Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,
but we are focused on conforming to our culture.**

**Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,
but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

**God of Wonder, forgive us. Do not remember our sins,
but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.**

**Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us**

your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN

***HYMN** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **TFWS #2193** [sung twice]

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD – THE PSALMS Psalm 121 **UMH #844, Response 2**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ALL: Living God, help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts
so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe;
and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. **AMEN**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *Forever Faithful; written by Sandy Willard Rogers*

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

GOD'S WORD - THE EPISTLES 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

***HYMN** *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* **UMH #352, Verse 1**

GOD'S WORD –THE GOSPELS Luke 18:1-8

MESSAGE OF THE MORNING Knock, Knock! Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **UMH #526**

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 *Softly Now the Light of Day, music by George W. Doane
arr. by Dale McAllister, 1999*

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Luke 18:1-8)

All: Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry
out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving,
faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even
when the world says it's too late or too little.

Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into
action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on
earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and
knocks. **AMEN**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* **UMH #496**

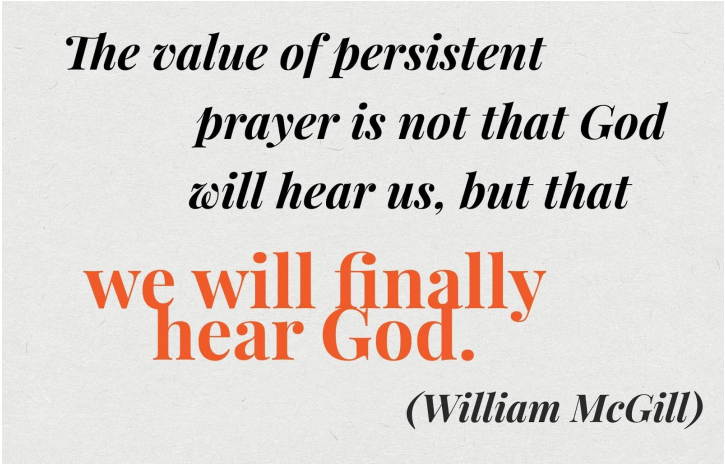
***BENEDICTION**

L: Here in this place, God transforms us into disciples,
so, we may share the grace etched upon our hearts.
Here with these people, compassion is written on our hearts,
so, we may join Jesus in bringing justice to all.
Now, in these moments, the Spirit is breathed into us,
so, we can be as persistent as God in bringing hope to the world.

AMEN

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, **Wednesdays at noon** at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **Finance Team Meeting:** Tuesday, **October 21st at 10am**, Fellowship Hall.
- **Helping Hands Thanksgiving Baskets:** If you choose to support this mission monetarily, please make your contribution by Sunday, October 26th. Food items can be brought in between now and the week of November 2.
- **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 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.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is on **November 13th**.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
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. 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

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

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