

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026

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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 *God be with you 'til we meet again* by William G. Tomer,
arr. Amanda W Smith

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

INTROIT *Since Jesus Came into My Heart ~ [TFWS #2140 VS 1 & 4]*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

P: **We come to encounter God's glory revealed.**

L: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

P: **We come to witness God's glory revealed.**

L: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

P: **We come to remember God's glory revealed.**

L: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

P: **We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025

*HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236

OPENING PRAYER

L: Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys.

We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide.

May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world.

Transform us and keep us near to you. **AMEN**

Written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully.

We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,
and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us! Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up and not be afraid.

In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. **AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: You are God’s Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.
You are renewed and restored.
You are forgiven and loved.
You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away;
see, everything is becoming new.
Go and share the good news of God’s love. Amen.

Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *I Will Call Upon The Lord ~ Arranged by Gary Rodes*

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

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 24:12–18
READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT	2 Peter 1:16–21
READING FROM THE GOSPELS	Matthew 17:1–9

THE MESSAGE Lent is Coming, Don’t Give Up Your Love! Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* **UMH #173**

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 *Again We Meet Around the Board* by George Careless,
arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* **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**

L: Gracious God, we thank you for this day— a day blessed with light and joy,
a day blessed with hope and abundance.
May these offerings bring light to those who dwell still in darkness,
or who cower in the shadow of death.
Bless our lives to your service, in the name of your Son,
who calls us to follow him and share your light with others. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* **UMH #404**

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.
Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights.
Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.
Go into the world transformed and renewed!

*From the Abingdon Worship Annual. Posted on the Cokesbury website,
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?pageid=830&id=198>*

POSTLUDE *There is a Green Hill Far Away* by J.H. Gower, arr. Martin Green
Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – TRANSFIGURATION ~ Rev. Timothy Haut

The path narrows,
takes a forgotten turn
as it disappears over a wooded hill
and into a deeper forest.
We travel this road by heart.
The twisted trees,
untended and overgrown,
obscure our view,
grasp at us as we pass.
We will be wearied by the persistent wind
and the gritty light,
wishing for some better company
than our own twisted and untended selves.
Though some great-winged creature
lurks at the edges of our sight,
still we shall push on.

What is good in us
will keep us from turning back.
This journey will try us, teach us,
take us the long way home.
Today there is time
for one more 'Alleluia'
before we enter these Lenten lands.
Perhaps it will be when
a crocus purples the morning,
or an early peeper rises from the mud
to sing us a sign,
or when we look up to see our reflection
in another pair of eyes,
then step back
to marvel at that shining face
which bids us go.

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from MinistryMatters.com ©2020 & 2026

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES



- ☐ **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- ☐ **Coffee & Jesus [A Lenten Study]:** Beginning **Wednesday, February 25th at 10:00 am** for five weeks at Potsdam UMC Fellowship Hall.

- **Cheery'Os:** Next meeting TBD.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** 1st Thursday of each month, 2-4pm at the Parsonage. The next meeting is March 5th.
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18th, 6pm.
- **Lent begins:** Sunday February 22nd.
- **Super Church - Sunday School:** Feb. 22nd.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is March 12th.
- **Palm Sunday:** March 29th.
- **Maundy Thursday Service:** April 2nd, 7pm.
- **Good Friday:** Self Directed Meditation and Reflection; the church will be open, and Pastor Heidi will be available 12pm - 3pm.
- **Easter Sunday:** April 5th.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Feb. 15:	Debby Nikkari, Robin H.	Feb. 15:	Collen Gondo
Feb. 22:	Tom Ortmeier, Christa C.	Feb. 22:	Tom Ortmeier
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Feb. 15:	Robin Howard, Judy Haer	March 1:	Carrie Livernois
Feb. 22:	Nancy Matthews	April 5:	Robin Howard & Judy H.

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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