

# *Potsdam United Methodist Church*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*April 12, 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

**Guest Musician ~ Dr. Keilor Kastella**

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

#### INTROIT

***His Name is Wonderful ~ UMH #174***

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

P: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

P: **Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

P: **Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

L: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: **We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! AMEN!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.*

#### \*HYMN

**Hail the Day the Sees Him Rise**

**UMH #312**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: **Patient God, you love us even when we are filled with doubt and fear.**

**Open our hearts, our souls, our spirits this day to receive the Great Good News of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Fill us with hope and peace that we may go forth to serve you in all that we do.**

**AMEN**

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

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

***Let the Song Be Begotten ~ Arranged by Don Malin***

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

**READING FROM THE PSALMS**

**Psalm 16**

**UMH #748**

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

*After the Gospel reading declare three times:*

**All: Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Unless I See...**

**Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

**UMH #304**

**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**

**Guest Musician ~ Dr. Keilor Kastella**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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

**UMH #94**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(John 20:19-31)

**All: Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors  
and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud.**

**Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know —**

**and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing.**

**Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust.**

**Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection.**

**Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community  
where wounds are not hidden but held with love.**

**In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. AMEN**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

**UMH #302 [Chorus]**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**L: May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected  
Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the  
wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the  
meeting of our vulnerability.**

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**L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with us!  
Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.**

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

*Shout three times:*

**All: Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Guest Musician ~ Dr. Keilor Kastella**

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

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart,  
and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

-St. Augustine



## Holy Week

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission –  
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### MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES



ALL I NEED  
TODAY  
IS A LITTLE BIT OF  
COFFEE  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF  
JESUS

- + **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- + **Coffee & Jesus:** will continue after Easter with a study based on *The Chosen*. Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Watch for details.

- **Festival of Sacred Music and Text:** Sunday, April 19th, 3pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- **Super Church Sunday School:** April 19th and May 3rd.
- **The Gathering Plate - Pot Luck:** April 26th following our worship service. More details in the Weekly News.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Monday, May 18th, 10:30am, in the carpeted room downstairs.

### Worship Participants

<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner		<b>Acolytes:</b> Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
<b>Counters</b>		<b>Readers</b>	
April 12:	Robin Howard, Debby Nikkari	April 12:	Christa Carroll
April 19:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	April 19:	Kathy Demo
April 26:	Carrie Livernois, Robin Howard	April 26:	Nancy Matthews
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>		<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>	
April 12:	Kathy Demo	May 3:	Carol Willmert
April 19:	Norm Gardner	June 7:	Sue and John Loope
April 26:	Carrie Livernois		

**Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain**

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

**Guest Musician ~ Dr. Keilor Kastella**

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