

Potsdam United Methodist Church



3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* ~ by John H. Gower arr. by Melinda Allred

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

INTROIT

At the Front We Start Our Journey ~ [TFWS #2114]

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

L: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

L: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

L: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

All: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! **AMEN**

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

OPENING PRAYER

All: Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today.

May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead.

For we pray in Christ's Name. **AMEN**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one,
you have assurance of his presence and his love with you.
The promises of God are always true.
God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our
lives. Praise God. **AMEN**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Blest Spirit, One With God ~ Arr. Adolf Strube

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

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:14a, 36-41

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Peter 1:17-23

READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 24:13-35

After the Gospel reading, declare three times:

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

THE MESSAGE

Let those who have eyes see...

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

UMH #175

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

*I Thank Thee, Dear Father ~ 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

(John 24:13-35)

All: Astounding God of the road and the table, you walk with us
even when we don't recognize you.

You speak, and our hearts burn within us.

You break the bread, and our eyes are opened.

Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope.

May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection,
and the call to share good news.

Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim
your presence in every Emmaus moment.

We give because we've seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still.

In Jesus' name, AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH #462

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: People of the Road, rejoice, for God is with you.
 Beloved ones, be the resurrection people that God calls you to be.
 Let your love be genuine and your service compassionate.
 Go in peace and joy, proclaiming the risen Christ.
 Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ
 to live as bearers of the astounding good news
 to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection.

All: AMEN!

Shout three times:

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

POSTLUDE

***Abide with Me!* by Henry H. Monk arr. Summer Decker Nelson**

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!”

~ Pope John Paul II



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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: will continue Mid-May 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.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Monday, May 18th, 10:30am, in the carpeted room downstairs.

Worship Participants

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