

# *Potsdam United Methodist Church*



## *Trinity Sunday*

*May 31, 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** *All Things Bright and Beautiful with For the Beauty* ~ arr. Michael Larkin

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

*In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.*

*In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.*

*You are our mother, brother, and Savior.*

*In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace.*

*You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.*

*You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.*

*Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well,  
and all manner of things shall be well. AMEN*

-Julian of Norwich

### INTROIT

*Loving Spirit* ~ [TFWS #2123]

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, we come to celebrate the great good news of your love.

Let this love be wrapped in justice and peace for all, even as we pray:

L: God the Creator is in this place.

P: **The love of God is with us.**

L: Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.

P: **The grace of our Lord is with us.**

L: The Holy Spirit is in this place.

P: **The communion of the Spirit is with us.**

L: We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

All: **God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer  
be with us now and forever. AMEN**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

L: Merciful and Just God, we gather here this morning, each of us with many concerns on our hearts. Our hearts are concerned with systems of injustice which strip people of their dignity and their very lives. Help us to be those who seek peace with justice, who would fight for those who are oppressed, offer voices for the voiceless and dignity for all humankind. Be with us this day and guide our steps toward a more just world in your name. **AMEN**

### \*HYMN

**Go Make of All Disciples**

**UMH #571**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* ~ Vulpius-Bunjes

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

**GOD'S WORD - THE PSALMS**

**Psalm 8**

**UMH #743**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God — Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**AMEN**

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**2 Corinthians 13:11–13**

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:16–20**

**THE MESSAGE**

**While You Are Going...**

**Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN**      **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**      **UMH #584, vss. 1, 2, 5**

**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**

*Flute Melody ~ Ellen Jane Lorenz*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**      **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**      **UMH #94**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Matthew 28:16-20)

**L:** Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love.  
In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still.  
Today, we offer our gifts — signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship.  
Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy.

**All:** May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. **AMEN**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**      **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**      **UMH #64, vss. 1 & 4**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**L:** We trust in these promises:  
that the Triune God, in each of its persons,  
promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth.  
The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being  
as the foundation for reconciliation of all of God's people and for Creation.

**All:** In these truths, we trust and give thanks. **Thanks Be to God!**

*Written by Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, posted on the Worship Ways website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/trinity-sunday-may-30/>.*

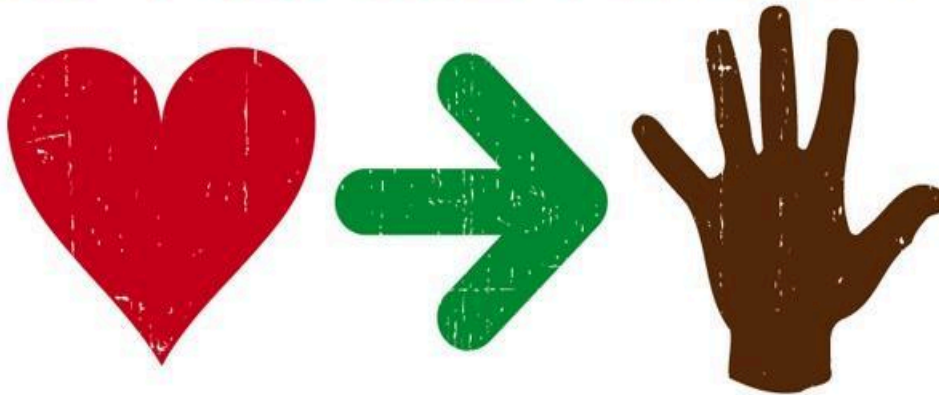
**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Yorkshire" ~ John Wainright, arr. David Lasky*

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**LOVE. GO. SERVE.**



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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.



+ **More Coffee & Jesus!**

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. June 3, 10, 17, 24, and July 1.

A guided Bible Study Led by Pastor Heidi. Signup sheet on the piano.

- **Super Church Sunday School:** Next dates TBA.
- **Cheery’Os:** Next date TBA. Bring your lunch if you choose, cookies and beverages will be provided.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Meeting:** June 10th, 5:30pm, downstairs.
- **Potsdam Pride:** June 13th, 10am - 3pm, Ives Park. We will have a table with free glitter tattoos. Volunteers needed, especially for set-up and take down. Contact Marsha if you can help. 315-600-3039 or [mafcléments@gmail.com](mailto:mafcléments@gmail.com).
- **Juneteenth:** June 20th, 3-8pm, Ives Park. Free community event.
- **Mission Meeting:** June 23rd, 10am.

**Worship Participants**

<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner		<b>Acolytes:</b> Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
<b>Counters</b>		<b>Readers</b>	
May 31:	Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	May 31:	Kathy Demo
June 7:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	June 7:	Nancy Matthews
June 14:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	June 14:	Sharon Hutchinson
June 21:	Robin Howard, Debby Nikkari	June 21:	TBA
June 28:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	June 28:	Tom Ortmeyer
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>		<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>	
May 31:	Carrie Livernois	June 7:	Sue and John Loope
June 7:	Nancy Matthews	July 5:	Ashley Fish and Family
June 14:	Kathy Demo	Aug. 2:	Carrie Livernois
June 21:	Carrie Livernois	Sept. 6:	Robin Howard & Judy Haer
June 28:	Norm Gardner	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope