

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing a People

June 14, 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 So Loved the World ~ by Sir John Stainer, arr. by Terri Hutchings*

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Just think of it! Jesus especially called twelve people into lives of service.

P: In many ways they were just like us, workers,
people who dared to follow.

L: He gave them opportunities for service in his name.

P: The gospel tells us that they accepted the challenges he offered.

L: Now it is our turn to accept these challenges!

P: Lord, prepare us for lives of ministry and witness. **AMEN**

OPENING PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

L: Lord, we are here to learn what you want us to do.

We seek your healing love and direction for our lives.

You have told us that there is much work to be done.

Prepare us to be part of that great work of proclamation by word and deed.

Do not be afraid! God is with you,

offering love and guidance for all your days.

You are loved by God forever. In Jesus' name, **AMEN!**

***HYMN** **God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us** **UMH #100**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

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

GOD'S WORD - THE PSALMS Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 **UMH #837**

***HYMN** **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve** **TFWS #2241**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: As Your truth is proclaimed, equip us for the work to which You call us.

Embolden us to step out, just as the disciples did, to bring healing, hope,

and the good news of Your kingdom to those in need. **AMEN**

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:1-8

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 9:23, 35-10:8

This scripture marks a transition from Jesus's compassionate ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing, to the commissioning and empowering of the Twelve Apostles.

THE MESSAGE *What does it take to build disciples today?* **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** **The Summons** **TFWS #2130**

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 *More Holiness Give Me* ~ by Philip Paul Bliss, arr. by Dale McAllister

***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**

All: Lord, we know that there is much work to be done;
far more than we ever imagined.

We ask that you bless these gifts that they be used for the work
you have set before us, for we place our lives and trust in you.

AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go** **UMH #480**

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: Go now, in the blessing of God who meets us where we are
and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible.

May we be a people who embody God's miracle called laughter

as we work for the flourishing of all creation as the family of God. **AMEN**

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

POSTLUDE *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ~ by John B. Dykes, arr. by Martin Green

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:



When Jesus saw the crowds, He did not just feel bad; He was moved with compassion because they were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." This challenges us to look beyond our own daily lives and see the hidden anxieties and struggles of the people in our communities.

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *MinistryMatters.com* ©2011, 2017, 2020 & 2026

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.

+ **More Coffee & Jesus!**

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am ~ June 17, 24, July 1 - 2026 (Downstairs)
Led by Pastor Heidi Chamberlain

+ **PRIDE** is celebrated in June...

Support our siblings... be present, be inclusive, be loving!

- **Choir:** Our choir is on summer hiatus.
- **Acapella North Chorus:** Rehearsal each Tuesday 5-9pm, throughout the summer.
- **Cheery'Os:** Next date TBA. Bring your lunch if you choose, cookies & beverages will be provided.
- **Juneteenth Celebration:** June 20th, 3-8pm, Ives Park. Free community event.
- **Mission Meeting:** June 23rd, 10am.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** June 28th and July 12th.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
June 14:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	June 14:	Sharon Hutchinson
June 21:	Robin Howard, Christa Carroll	June 21:	Christa Carroll
June 28:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	June 28:	Tom Ortmeyer
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
June 14:	Kathy Demo	July 5:	Ashley Fish and Family
June 21:	Carrie Livernois	Aug. 2:	Carrie Livernois
June 28:	Norm Gardner	Sept. 6:	Robin Howard & Judy Haer
		Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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