

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing a People

June 21, 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives ~ arr. by Eric Pratt

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You ask us, O God, to have faith in a Spirit which the world scorns.
You ask us to believe in a Name at which the world scoffs.
For a time, we follow you from afar.

But soon our friends keep us at a distance,
refusing to accompany us on the way you want us to go.

**All: So, we say in our homes, "We won't think about God."
We say in our streets, "We won't mention God's name."**

L: And the ones we might have rescued begin to drown in turmoil.

P: A fire sparks within our bones.

L: And the ones we might have freed begin to die beneath their chains.

P: A fire kindles within our bones.

L: And the ones we might have healed begin to weaken until they faint.

P: A fire burns within our bones.

L: We deserted our God, stranding ourselves in lifeless ashes.
But our God had not deserted us.

**P: Our God is with us! Before the Lord scorners will stumble;
a word from the Lord will silence the scoffers.**

L: The Lord is with us; the Lord will save!

**All: Though our brothers may betray us and our sisters deny us,
we will be faithful.**

**Though our parents may persecute us and our children rise
against us, we will be loyal.**

**Though we may be hated by all for the sake of the Lord,
to the Lord we commit our cause!**

*HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

More...



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

***HYMN** **Give to the Winds Thy Fears** **UMH #129**

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**

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

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 **UMH #826**

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT **Romans 6:1b-11**

READING FROM THE GOSPELS **Matthew 10:24-39**

This scripture continues to mark a transition from Jesus's compassionate ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing,
to the commissioning and empowering of the Twelve Apostles to prepare them for the realities of following Him.

THE MESSAGE ***More than a Sparrow*** **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** **His Eye is on the Sparrow** **TFWS #2146**

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #270) "*Bless Our Fathers*"
Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC ***Nearer My God to Thee* ~ by Lowell Mason,
arr. by Dale McAllister, 2001**

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We are your disciples, Lord. How we want to be like you!
We are your servants, Lord. How we want to serve like you!
Take our minds: enlighten them. Take our hearts: awaken them.
Take our hands: enliven them — not that we might be made great
through you, but that you might be made great through us! **AMEN**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** **TFWS #2129**

*THE BENEDICTION

L: Be not dismayed, whatever befalls you. You are more valuable than sparrows,
and not one of them falls to the ground without the Lord knowing.
Do not fear, nor be afraid. Only acknowledge the Christ in word and deed,
and you will find yourself in the presence of God. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE ***O My Father* ~ by James McGranahan, arr. by Michael Bailey**

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:



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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.
- + **More Coffee & Jesus!**
Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am ~ June 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.
- **Mission Meeting:** June 23rd, 10am.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** June 28th and July 12th.
- **Blessings In A Bag Beach Lunch Program:** Mondays and Thursdays, July 9th - Aug. 8th. 10am - noon.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
June 21:	Robin Howard, Christa Carroll	June 21:	Christa Carroll
June 28:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	June 28:	Tom Ortmeier
July 5:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	July 5:	Carrie Livernois
July 12:	Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	July 12:	Tom Ortmeier
July 19:	Tom Ortmeier, Christa Carroll	July 19:	Christa Carroll
July 26:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeier	July 26:	Kathy Demo
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
June 21:	Carrie Livernois	Aug. 2:	Carrie Livernois
June 28:	Norm Gardner	Sept. 6:	Robin Howard & Judy Haer
July 5:	Norm Gardner	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
July 12:	Carrie Livernois	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
July 19:	Nancy Matthews	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party	
July 26:	Kathy Demo	Dec: 6:	Ashley Fish and Family

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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