

Potsdam United Methodist Church



**Thanks be
to God,
who delivers
me through
Jesus Christ
our Lord!**

Romans 7:25

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Core Faith

July 5, 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 *America the Beautiful ~ by Samuel A. Ward, arr. Terri Hutchings*

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

P: **We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.**

L: We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

P: **We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.**

L: We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

P: **We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.**

L: Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

All: **We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026

*OPENING PRAYER

L: God of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love You;

we have witnessed Your love and mercy in action;

we have caught a glimpse of Your heart, and we have received the call to follow.

Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we worship.

May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have for us this morning.

We long to meet You here, and to know You better.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. **AMEN**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

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 NEW TESTAMENT Romans 7:15-25a
READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

THE MESSAGE *For I do not do the good I want...* **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**
Our ongoing struggle is part of the Christian journey but hope and joy are found in Christ's presence.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* **TFWS #2158**

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 *Though Deepening Trials ~ 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**
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**

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE:
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION HYMN *[Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove ~ UMH #650]*

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* **UMH #402**

***THE BENEDICTION**
L: May Christ who dwells in you continue to do good work in you,
blessing you with grace and perseverance to continue on in the journey
of faith as you grow into the image of Christ more and more every day.
Amen.

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POSTLUDE *Tanabata ~ (Japanese Folk Song)*
Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

More smiling, less worrying.
More compassion, less judgment.
More blessed, less stressed.
More love, less hate.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, 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 ~ July 8, & 15 - 2026
Potsdam UMC (Downstairs)
Led by Pastor Heidi Chamberlain
- + **PRIDE** is celebrated in June... but lived all year through
Support our siblings... be present, be inclusive, be loving!

- **Special music:** Our Choir Director Anthony Steen is looking for talented folks to help with special music. If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Anthony choirdirector@potsdamumc.org.
- **Acapella North Chorus:** Rehearsal every Tuesday, upstairs 5-9pm.
- **Acapella North Chorus:** Warming up for their Summer Festival performance, July 11th, 9:30am.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** We will recognize our youth on Sunday, July 12th.
- **Annual Youth Car Wash:** The Fish family & friends will host a car wash July 18th, 1-3pm in the church parking lot. Proceeds will help restore the Bill and Trish Lewis Meditation Bench near our handicapped entrance.
- **Blessings In A Bag Beach Lunch Program:** Mondays and Thursdays, July 9th - Aug. 13th, 10am - noon.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
July 5:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	July 5:	Carrie Livernois
July 12:	Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	July 12:	Tom Ortmeyer
July 19:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	July 19:	Christa Carroll
July 26:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	July 26:	Kathy Demo
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
July 5:	Norm Gardner	Aug. 2:	Carrie Livernois
July 12:	Carrie Livernois	Sept. 6:	Robin Howard & Judy Haer
July 19:	Nancy Matthews	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
July 26:	Kathy Demo	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
		Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
		Dec. 6:	Ashley Fish and Family

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

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

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