

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Core Faith

August 2, 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

Prelude in C Major ~ Written by J.S. Bach

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

P: **The Lord will provide for our needs.**

L: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

P: **Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**

L: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

P: **Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits
to receive your gracious gift of love. AMEN**

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: It seems that I have been particularly 'hungry' this week:
"Just a morsel, O God, of those things that I can't possibly bring to my own table."

I have been like one of the multitudes you met that day on the mountainside:

Waiting... Hungry... Tired... Hopeful.

Then you stepped out of the crowd and brought food for my soul:

"Take, eat, be filled, find peace, I am with you always."

Your baskets overflowed. And I am... we are... fed.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

UMH #476

Performed by Tom Ortmeyer and Christa Carroll

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

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 9:1-5

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 14:13-21

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee

UMH #528

THE PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (UMH #270)

Responding to God’s invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

*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 (Based on Matthew 14:13-21.)

All: Loving Father, you powerfully fill the void in our lives.
You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present.
You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone.
Combine this offering with others so that all of your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit.
In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN

[Let Us Break Bread Together ~ UMH # 618]

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Dona Nobis Pacem

UMH #376

(congregational round sung acappella)

BENEDICTION

L: You have been fed with the bread of heaven,
and blessed by the presence and peace of God.
Now go into the world in the peace of Christ
to be bread for the world.

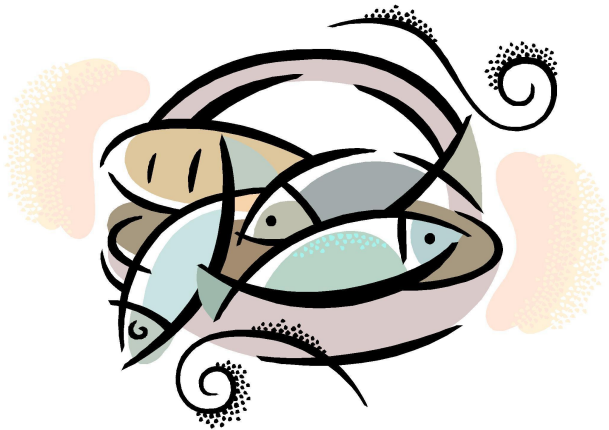
All: We go in Christ's name. AMEN & AMEN!

POSTLUDE

To Walk in Faith ~ Written by David Paxton

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
~Mother Teresa



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, August 4th, 10:30am in the carpeted room downstairs.
- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **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, 5-9pm.
- **Blessings In A Bag Beach Lunch Program:** Mondays and Thursdays, July 9th - Aug. 13th, 10:30 - 11:30am.
- **Back to School Ice Cream Social:** Saturday, August 22, 1-3pm.
- **Rain location for Porchfest:** Saturday, August 29th, 11am-5:30pm.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Aug. 2:	Robin Howard, Carrie Livernois	Aug. 2:	Nancy Matthews
Aug. 9:	Christa Carroll, Debby Nikkari	Aug. 9:	Sharon Hutchinson
Aug. 16:	Tom Ortmeier, Robin Howard	Aug. 16:	Carrie Livernois
Aug. 23:	Tom Ortmeier, Carrie Livernois	Aug. 23:	Kathy Demo
Aug. 30:	Carrie Livernois, Debby Nikkari	Aug. 30:	Christa Carroll
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Aug. 2:	Carrie Livernois	Sept. 6:	Carrie Livernois
Aug. 9:	Kathy Demo	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
Aug. 16:	Kathy Demo	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Aug. 23:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Aug. 30:	Norm Gardner	Dec. 6:	Ashley Fish and Family

PRIDE is celebrated in June... but lived all year through!
Support our siblings... be present, be inclusive, be loving!

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain
Guest Musician ~ Anthony Steen

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

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Pastor’s Office Hours as scheduled with Pastor Heidi Chamberlain

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