

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Core Faith
August 9, 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 *Recollections of Summer ~ by Yoshinao Nakada, arr. K. Kobayash*

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When the waves of doubt threaten us

P: **God is with us.**

L: When fears seem to swamp our lives

P: **God is with us.**

L: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

P: **Rejoice! We are loved! Thanks be to God!**

L: Get ready! There is much to be done!

P: **Prepare us Lord, for the work ahead. AMEN**

***HYMN** **Stand By Me** **UMH #512**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, you know us too well.

You know how easy it is for us to come to you
and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well.

But when the water gets rough and the waves threaten
to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear.

We are sure that these waves will be the very things
that destroys us.

Over the wind and the waves, you call to us
to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us.

We are so used to getting lots of reassurances
and written guarantees of safety. But still, you call us.

Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves
and place our gaze directly on you.

Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call
and to respond in faith.

For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. **AMEN**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today.
We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger wondering how we can still those waves.
We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are.
Forgive us for the littleness of our faith.
Forgive us for our doubts.
Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus.
Help us, through your Word, to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. **AMEN**

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Romans 10:5-15

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 14:22-33

THE MESSAGE “Some Things Bear Repeating” Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me **UMH #509**

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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *O My Father ~ by James McGranahan, arr. Bonnie Heidenreich*

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Holy God, we, like Peter, have our doubts and our concerns about our abilities.
As we consecrate these gifts to your service, help us do so in an attitude of trust and faith, knowing that miracles far greater than walking on water can still happen in your church...
even now! **AMEN** (Matthew 14:22-23)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** Here I Am Lord **UMH #593, vs 1**

BENEDICTION

L: Neither wind nor waves can swamp you! Do not be afraid.
Jesus is with you at all times.
Beloved family of Christ, the search is not over.
The seeking has only just begun.
Yet through it all and in it all, God is with us.
May we go today trusting that we are found in God
and living so that God is found in us. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE *Grove of Light ~ by Terri Hutchings*

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Worship Meeting:** Today, immediately following worship.
- **Mission and Outreach Meeting:** Tuesday, Aug. 11th, 10:00am.
- **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 or shine.
- **Rain location for SLC Arts Porchfest:** Saturday, August 29th, 11am-5:30pm.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
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. 9:	Kathy Demo	Sept. 6:	Carrie Livernois
Aug. 16:	Kathy Demo	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
Aug. 23:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Aug. 30:	Norm Gardner	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
		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

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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