

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

*Reminiscence from As the Years Go by ~ Johannes Bornlof,
trans. by David Liu*

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

INTROIT

We Walk by Faith [TFWS #2196 vss. 1, 2, & 3]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

P: Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

L: Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

P: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

L: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words. **AMEN**

*HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

UMH #732

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be your disciples. **AMEN**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Feel a Song, Rising in My Spirit [Psalm 34:1]

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

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1-7

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 20:1-16 & 21:23-32

*HYMN

We Walk by Faith

TFWS #2196, vss. 4 & 5

MESSAGE

Just Whiners, One and All

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

Together We Serve

TFWS #2175

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

*Behold the Great Redeemer Die ~ by George Carelss,
arr. by Keith D Rowley*

***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: Knowing God, you have given us a never-wanting future,
yet we often forget the nature of your divine gift.

We become entangled in the snares of self-centeredness.

Today, we joyfully share these many offerings as a way to release ourselves
from being self-focused to being God-focused.

In the name of your loving Son, we pray. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF BENEDICTION Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace**

UMH #668

*** BENEDICTION**

L: Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain.

Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness.

Know the power of mercy and grace in your life,

and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by serving the people.

Go in Peace. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE

I Stand All Amazed ~by Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Sally DeFord

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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

WHINER’S ANONYMOUS ~
EXAMPLE OF THE WEEK:
Pastor Heidi R. Chamberlain

[Whining about being cold... in Alaska!
...As if she didn’t realize it would be chilly!]



Would your picture be featured here, as a whiner, too?

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *MinistryMatters.com* ©2017, 2020, 2023, & 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.
- **Cheery'Os** next meeting TBD. Feel free to bring your lunch. Cookies and beverages will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you!
- **Super Church Sunday School:** Meets today, and again on October 25th.
- **Church Council:** There will be a brief meeting following Worship on Sunday, September 27th.
- **DCOM:** The district will be using our church all day on October 16th.
- **Charge Conference:** Here in the Carter Room, October 17th, 10am - 1pm. We will be hosting several other churches.
- **Trunk Or Treat:** On our front lawn October 29th, 5 to 8pm, during downtown Fright Night. More details to follow.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Sept. 27:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	Sept. 27:	Collen Gondo
Oct. 4:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	Oct. 4:	Tom Ortmeyer
Oct. 11:	Robin Howard, Debby Nikkari	Oct.11 :	Christa Carroll
Oct. 18:	Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	Oct. 18:	Collen Gondo
Oct. 25:	Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	Oct. 25:	Nancy Matthews
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Sept. 27:	Norm Gardner	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
Oct. 4:	Carrie Livernois	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Oct.11:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Oct. 18:	Norm Gardner	Dec: 6:	Ashley Fish and Family
Oct. 25:	Kathy Demo		

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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