

Potsdam United Methodist Church



World Communion Sunday *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* **October 4, 2026**

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

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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 *Master, the Tempest is Raging ~ by H.R. Palmer, arr. by Rebecca Belliston*

As the candles are lit, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

INTROIT *All Who Love and Serve Your City ~ [UMH #433 vss 1, 4 & 5]*

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

1 Corinthians 10:16 –17

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this World Communion Sunday, Jesus Christ gathers us from the north, the south, the east and the west. All of humanity, politically diverse, ethnically diverse, with diverse gifts, Jesus centers us, here today into one body.

P: **We come to the Lord's table because of God's Grace and mercy toward ALL of us. Thank you, Jesus!**

L: From every nation, tribe, language, and people, God is calling the Church to unity, peace, and love in Christ.

P: **We come as one body, redeemed by one savior, Jesus Christ our Lord!**

L: In this place we join Christians throughout the world... EVERYONE, from all walks of life.

This is not our table, but the Table of Jesus Christ, where everyone is welcomed.

P: **Today we remember, we are many people, yet only one body in Jesus Christ.**

L: Today we will worship our God who knits us together into one body in Jesus Christ.

All: **With tremendous gratitude and reverence today, I worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, as I proudly proclaim "HALLELUJAH!" AMEN!**

*HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Declaring ~ Ludwig van Beethoven

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

John 6:51-58 ~ John 17:20-23 ~ Luke 24:28-35 ~ Acts 2:42-47 ~ Ephesians 4:1-6

MESSAGE

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

L: Gracious and eternal God, we come with glad hearts and lifted voices, thanking you for your goodness, your mercy, and your unfailing love. We bless you for Jesus Christ, our Savior, for the bread of life and the cup of grace, and for the joy of gathering at your table on this World Communion Sunday.

P: Lord, we thank you for all your creation for the earth and the heavens, for the seas and the land, for every living thing that declares your glory. We thank you for your Church throughout the world, for your people in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, and Antarctica, and for every nation, every culture, every race, and every language lifting the name of Jesus.

L: Make us one, O God. In a world too often divided, let your Church stand as a witness of love, hope, justice, and peace. Bind us together across every boundary, break down every wall that divides, and remind us that we are one body in Christ.

P: Bless those who are burdened today—the sick, the grieving, the weary, and the forgotten. Strengthen the weak, comfort the hurting, guide the leaders of the nations, and pour out your Spirit on your people everywhere.

All: Lord, bless your creation, bless your Church, bless all people everywhere. Feed us with your grace, fill us with your Spirit, and send us out with joy, courage, and holy love. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life and the Savior of the world, we pray.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Come unto Him ~ by Hugh W. Dougall, arr. by Keith D. Rowley*

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Generous God, we thank you for every good and perfect gift that comes from Your hand. Today we offer you our best, our tithes and offerings, these acts of generosity as signs of our gratitude and trust in you, God.

Bless these gifts of money representing our gratitude to you, because of how you have blessed us and kept us. Through your glory, may our financial gifts, given for your ministries, strengthen your Church, the United Methodist Church, the Universal Church, by blessing ALL your people throughout the world.

Let our gifts bring hope to a hurting world, food to hungry communities, and a strong witness throughout the world, so the world through the power of Jesus Christ knows your love! AMEN!

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

COMMUNION HYMN

[One Bread, One Body ~ UMH #620]

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION

Bind Us Together

TFWS #2226

* BENEDICTION

L: Now may the God who created the world and the universe, Christ our redeemer, and the Power of the Holy Spirit who empowers us send us forth in peace, love and unity, with tremendous joy. Just as we came to the Remembrance Table, let us go now as one united people of God, and serve one Lord in every place and among all people.

P: Help us go forth with courage and grace in our hearts, with joyful praise on our lips, and love in our hands. And may the blessing of you our Almighty God, Jesus your Son, and our comforter the Holy Spirit, rest, rule, and abide within us, now and forever.

All: HALLELUJAH! It is so! Having received the bread and the cup, let us now go beyond the walls of the church to share the love of Christ in our neighborhoods, our communities, and throughout the world. HALLELUJAH TODAY AND ALWAYS! AMEN!

POSTLUDE

Consider the Lilies ~ by Roger Hoffman

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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Today is World Communion Sunday

United in Impact: Together, Our Generosity Extends Christ’s Table to All

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – **WORSHIP & PRAYER ~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 2026**
By Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand, Western North Carolina Conference Evangelist

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.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** Meets on October 25th.
- **DCOM:** The district will use our church all day on Friday, October 16th.
- **Charge Conference:** Here in the Carter Room, Saturday October 17th, 10am - 1pm. We are hosting several other churches and will need to provide lunch for 50 to 60 people. There is a sign up sheet on the piano if you would like to help provide food for the luncheon.
- **Church Council:** Will meet Tuesday, October 27th, at 10:30am.
- **Trunk Or Treat:** On our front lawn October 29th, 5 to 8pm, during downtown Fright Night. See the bulletin insert.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
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	
Oct. 4:	Carrie Livernois	Oct. 4:	Sue and John Loope
Oct. 11:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Oct. 18:	Norm Gardner	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Oct. 25:	Kathy Demo	Dec. 6:	Ashley Fish and Family