

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost **EMBRACING OUR MISSION** **October 25, 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

Oh, How Lovely was the Morning ~ by Sylvanus Billings Pond
arr. by Rebecca Belliston

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

INTROIT

I Sing Praises to Your Name [TFWS 2037]

OPENING PRAYER

L: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

P: **We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

L: How shall we answer?

P: **We cannot become so focused on ourselves
that others mean nothing to us.**

L: How shall we answer?

P: **We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion
wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN**

GOD'S WORD – READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT ON "SALT"

Mark 9:49-50 (NRSV)

⁴⁹ 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.'

Matthew 5:13 (NRSV)

Salt and Light

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.'

All: The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Servant Song

TFWS #2222

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Sometimes it seems as though God is far away.

P: **There is so much trouble in the world.**

L: We look to the heavens and wonder why God doesn't deal more strictly with the wicked and more compassionately with the innocent.

P: **We are overwhelmed with the needs of others.**

L: Come, let us turn to the Lord, whose very heart is compassion and hope.

P: **Let us be partners in caring for all who are in need. AMEN, AMEN!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD – READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT ON “LOVE”

Romans 13:8-12 (NRSV)

Love for One Another

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments... are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

All: Still, the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

All: Again, the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

CHOIR ANTHEM

Wonders of Wonders [TFWS 2247]

MESSAGE

SALTY LOVE

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

TFWS #2237

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

Musician: Dr. Risa Okin

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge that you are the giver of all things.

You call us to share these gifts so that we may experience the joy and humility of giving to others.

We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work.

We are blessed to receive and to offer the message of salvation.

Jesus Christ is Lord. Praise your holy name! AMEN!

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF BENEDICTION**

Sanctuary

TFWS #2164

* **BENEDICTION**

L: Place your hand in the hand of God.
Go forth into this world in complete assurance of God’s presence and love. Bring hope, healing, and peace to all whom you meet.
Go in peace and may God’s peace be with you. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE *Reverently, Quietly ~ by McMaster/Pettit arr. by Martin Green*
Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Happy Birthday:** Tim Virgil, October 30th.
- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **Church Council:** Will meet Tuesday, October 27th, at 10:30am.
- **Cheery'Os:** Next meeting TBD.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** Will not meet in October.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3, 5-7pm.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Oct. 25:	Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	Oct. 25:	Nancy Matthews
Nov. 1:	Tom Ortmeyer, Debby Nikkari	Nov. 1:	Sharon Hutchinson
Nov. 8:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	Nov. 8:	Collen Gondo
Nov. 15:	Robin Howard, Christa Carroll	Nov. 15:	Tom Ortmeyer
Nov. 22:	Debby Nikkari, Carrie Livernois	Nov. 22:	Christa Carroll
Nov. 29:	Christa Carroll, Robin Howard	Nov. 29:	Kathy Demo
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Oct. 25:	Leo Rava	Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Nov. 1:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Nov. 8:	TBA	Dec. 6:	Ashley Fish and Family
Nov. 15:	Carrie Livernois		
Nov. 22:	Norm Gardner		
Nov. 29:	Kathy Demo		