Potsdam United Methodist Church



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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 ***Amazing Grace/I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** **by William Walker and Lewis D. Edwards, arr.by Tari-Jean Lybbert**

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

INTROIT ***Joy in the Morning*** [TFWS 2284]

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Now is the time for commitment!
P: We come, ready to serve the Lord!
L: How shall we serve God?
P: With our hearts, our souls, our strength, our minds, and our gifts!
L: Lord, let our strength and our gifts be employed for healing.
P: Let our lives be committed to peace and justice in your name.
L: Be with us now and always as we serve you with joy!
P: Enable us to be true and faithful to you. AMEN

GOD'S WORD - THE PSALMS Psalm 90:1-12 UMH #809

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

L: God, our kind and loving Parent, you no longer call us servants but friends.
There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love.
Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world,
to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart
in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone.
Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

***HYMN** **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** **UMH #89**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Lord, open our eyes and our hearts this day to feel your presence and to see the wondrous gifts you have given to each person.
Enable us to grow in our love and service to you. AMEN

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG…

CHOIR ANTHEM ***We Are Marching*** [TFWS 2235-b]

… AND A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

GOD'S WORD – THE NEW TESTAMENT **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

GOD'S WORD - THE GOSPELS **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

***HYMN** **Make Me a Servant** **TFWS #2176**

MESSAGE **Questions? Me too!** **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** **Take my Life, and Let It Be** **UMH #399**

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 ***More Like the Master*** **~ by Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Ethel Tench Rogers**

***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: Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF BENEDICTION** **Soon and Very Soon** **UMH #706**

*** BENEDICTION**

L: Family of God, go from this place in the blessing of God who calls us into relationship with not only God, but one another,
who equips us to use what we have to bless others, and inspires us to value relationship over production and the flourishing of all over the wealth of a few.

All: We have been called and blessed.
Blessing upon blessing has been poured into our lives.
We go to serve God, knowing that healing and restoration has been poured upon us.
We go now into the world to offer help, healing, and hope to others.
AMEN

POSTLUDE ***Lord, I would Follow Thee*** **~ by K. Newell Dayley, arr. by Brian D. Petersen**

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

THOUGHTFUL LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a "cuppa" with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, November 17, at 10:30.
- **Christ The King Sunday & Greening of the Church:** Sunday, November 22nd, following Worship. Join us to decorate the church and enjoy a pizza party afterwards.
- **Worship Team Meeting:** Sunday, November 29th, following our Worship service.
- **First Sunday in Advent:** November 29th.
- **Stewardship Sunday & Communion Sunday:** December 6th, Celebration luncheon following Worship.
- **Cheery'Os:** Next meeting TBD.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** TBD.

Worship Participants			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		**Acolytes:** Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		**Readers**	
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**	
Nov. 15:	Carrie Livernois	Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Nov. 22:	Norm Gardner	Dec: 6:	Ashley Fish and Family
Nov. 29:	Kathy Demo		

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

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