



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam**  
**June 28, 2020**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION**

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family." - Desmond Tutu

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

\*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Call to mind the deeds of the Eternal One;

**Many: Remember the God who works wonders;**

One: Meditate on all God's ways,

**Many: Muse on the power of redemption.**

One: God's way is filled with grace.

**Many: Who is so great as our God?**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

We call upon you today, O God, to freshen our souls, to restore our patience, and increase our compassion. Come dwell among us, we pray, that we may be restored in body and spirit. With Christ's care, we pray, amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

"How Great Thou Art"

#625(see PDF)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We need the assurance of your leading us on in these days, O God. We confess that we are weary and worn down by life and discouraged by the state of the world. Come to our aid when our vitality is nearly depleted, that we might find a renewal of faith and hope. Be the cloud that leads us by night and the fire that guides us by day. Through the power of the Spirit, we pray Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

## **TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

## **ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSV)

**SERMON**                                      with Rev. Katrina Hebb

**HYMN**                                      “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”                      #435 (see PDF)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

Ground of all being, Mother of Life,  
Father of the Universe,  
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.  
May we know your presence,  
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.  
May there be food today for the human family  
and for the whole earth community.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict  
but lead us to new beginnings.  
For the light of life, the vitality of life  
and the glory of life are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**                                      “Come, Live in the Light”                      #749 (see PDF)

## **POSTLUDE**

Thank you very much for joining us in today’s remote service.  
May health and happiness find you in these uncertain times.

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb  
Music Leaders: Dr. Guilherme Godoi and Dr. Feryal Qudourah

Clerk of Session: Suzanne Waters  
Session Members: Terry de la Vega, Alicia Newcombe, and Renee Stauffer

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