



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
- Jesus Christ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What if Jesus was to become the cornerstone of the relationships we build with others?

People: What if Christ was the root of our money-spending decisions?

Leader: What if Jesus was the guiding principle of the way we use our time?

People: What if we were to let Christ make a difference day by day in our lives?

All: What if we lived in the name of Jesus?

GATHERING PRAYER—

If love is what you are looking for, O God, let our actions speak our words. If awareness of the plight of others and care for those in need draws your attention, let it draw ours as well. Open our hearts and our lives to your ways O God. We desire to abide in you. Through the work of the Spirit we pray these things, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

267# (see PDF)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we are to honor the commandment to love one another, we must also love ourselves. Today we confess that we struggle with both ends of loving, Holy One—with loving others *and* with loving ourselves. Remind us that there is enough love to go around. Help us reserve both necessary energy for ourselves and energy for loving others in truth and action. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)

SERMON with Rev. Katrina Hebb

HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1-3 #268(See PDF)

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 “We Lift Our Voices” #710 (see PDF)

POSTLUDE

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb
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