



August 12, 2020

**THIS SUNDAY**  
**August 16, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**     [Resilience](#)  
*The Rev. Christine Robinson, Pulpit Guest*

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to join virtual worship on Sunday

### CHURCH NEWS

**Pastoral Care this summer:** As James mentioned in the newsletter, he will be away for vacation and study leave in July and August. If you have pastoral care needs, please reach out to our trained team lead: Claire Gardam from August 3- 25.

**Pictures for Ingathering Worship:** We will be celebrating ingathering and water communion on Sunday, September 13 via Zoom. To celebrate our connections to water, please submit a picture of yourself or your family with a water source that holds meaning for or is important to you. Please [email](#) or text them to Carol (315)212-2800 not later than Monday, September 7th.

**The Church Council** invites the Congregation to join a **Listening Session** on Wednesday, August 19 at 6p.m. We want to hear from you, what is on your mind and in your hearts during these trying times. We have not been able to be physically together for a long time now. The on-line worship services have served to keep us united. As we strive to find a way forward into the uncertain future it is important that we consider the concerns, hopes and aspirations of the Congregation. If you cannot make it to the meeting at that time, please [email](#) your ideas, thoughts and feelings to Sara at the Church office so your voice will be heard also. A Zoom invitation will be sent in a separate email. The session will be moderated and recorded. We look forward to hearing from you.

**[Expanding Our Reach:](#)** Would you like to be part of team that helps guide Council with technology and equipment recommendations for the future? If so, please [email Jenn Whittaker](#) to learn more.

**Small Group Ministry:** As we plan for this fall, your feedback is essential to its success. Please [complete this survey](#) to help us make this ministry our best yet.

**Soft Re-Opening:** Church Council recently approved a soft re-opening of the church building which allows members and staff to use the building on an individual basis if all safety precautions are followed and the use is pre-approved. Please [email](#) to arrange a time for quiet personal reflection in the sanctuary or to use the library.

**Memorial Service for Kelly Johnson-Eilola** will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar now and watch for more details.

**Venmo:** If you are looking for an easy way to [donate](#) to the cash offering on Sundays, or pay your pledge, we now have an [account with Venmo](#).

**Campus Kitchens:** There will be no more meals for the rest of August. Please spread the word to anyone who may not already know this.

**Grace House Garage Sale:** August 24-30 to raise much needed funds. If you have items to donate, they will be welcome. You can drop them off at 11 E. Main Street, but it would be helpful to call their director, Christine Downton first.

**Poor Peoples Campaign:** The next meeting of the North Country Poor People's Campaign will be Tuesday, August 18th, 6-8pm, on Zoom. You will need to [register in advance](#) for the meeting on Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**BLM rallies** are still happening in Potsdam everyday at 6 p.m. Rallies are held in front of the Potsdam Post Office. RSVP and share the event on Facebook [HERE](#).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

*NOTE: The church building remains closed. All gatherings will take place virtually. Links and instructions to participate below.*

**Sunday, August 16**  
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Monday, August 17**  
Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

**Wednesday, August 19**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pick up your faith engagement package!  
6:00 p.m., Listening Session with Church Council

## FAITH ENGAGEMENT NEWS



### Faith Engagement at Home

**Books and Cooks** - Hear the story of a Korean-American child helping her mother prepare a traditional Korean rice dish. Then make a healthy, vegetarian version together. Check it out on our

[Facebook Event page](#) for all the details and links. You don't need a Facebook account to access it.

**Youth Events** - Our 8th-12th graders will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 12:30pm. We will be create positive anti-racism chalk art on the church sidewalks. Check your email for details.



**Faith Engagement Package** - We have created a take home faith engagement package for families to keep connected to our faith values. These packages contain a gratitude activity, coloring sheets, a UU principles card game, a 6 sources beach ball and much more. Please contact Sara by [email](#) or calling 315-386-2498 if you would like to pick up your package on Wednesday, August 19 or 26 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



### ***It's Easy Being Green!***

To rid your home of mice, place peppermint leaves or oil in strategic places. Or get a big cat named "Killer."

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