

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**April 27, 2025, 9:30 am**



***The Presence of the Lord***

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME AND GATHERING**

**Gathering Music**

*Thine is the Glory*  
*arr. by Thomas Keesecker*

*Marcia Yernberg*

**Welcome**

*Theresa Siemers - Certified Lay Minister*

**Centering Time**

## **Call to Worship**

We ask for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to see Jesus in every person we meet.

**We come here today, seeking wisdom and discernment that we may recognize your presence in the lives of others and that others may recognize You in us.**

We pray for Your grace to see the beauty and dignity in everyone we meet and to love one another like Christ loves us.

**May we find You in the eyes of a stranger, the smiles of our friends, and the needs of our neighbors.**

We recognize that in loving one another, we love You, God.

**As we come to worship to feel Your love may we also be a reflection of that love to others.**

God, give us the foresight to see Jesus in everyone we meet.

**Amen!**

## **Hymn**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord (UMH #328)*  
(sung three times getting softer each time)

*All*

## **Opening Prayer**

Creator God, You call on us (your followers) to be an instrument of your holy love. We ask that you be with us this day opening our hearts and minds to your presence in this place and within each one of us.

**Lord, help me to experience your presence like never before.**

We see the sunrise, hear the birds singing, and feel the gentle breeze and give you the glory.

**Lord, help me to experience your presence like never before.**

Experiencing your presence is a gift you gave to us through your Holy Spirit. May our thoughts, words, and actions be in line with your heavenly plan.

**Lord, help me to experience your presence like never before, and let it begin with me!**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Children's Moment**

# **THE WORD**

**Palm 150**

**John 20:19-21**

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God**

**Message**

*“The Presence of the Lord”*

*Theresa Siemers*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God (UMH #420)*

*All*

### **Prayers of the People**

Dear God, You are everywhere I go. You see everything I do. You lead me, guide me, protect me, comfort me, and love me.

**I praise you for this truth.**

Lord, so often, I get wrapped up in all the swirling events around me. My tasks and to dos, the expectations of myself and others, and just the fast-paced modern culture. I need to know you are near, yet sometimes I forget how close you actually are.

**Help me remember you are not only always near, but you are behind me, before me, and within me. Nothing could be closer.**

Regardless of my acknowledgment of your constant presence, you are indeed there. Help me acknowledge you. Help me be more aware of you so that my life may be enriched by a confident, unshakable knowledge of your light and that I may better reflect your radiance to those around me.

**Thank you for your unfailing companionship. In your ever-present name, Amen.**

*Pastoral Prayer: Kari Eichberger*

**Offering**

*Now the Green Blade Rises  
arr. by Christina Shehi*

*Marcia Yernberg*

**Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC #95)*

*All*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord, we offer our gifts to you. We ask a blessing over these monetary gifts, but also the gifts of love, decency, and kindness that we bestow on one another. We thank you for all the gifts you so graciously give to us, some we recognize and others we do not.

**May we see glimpses of you in one another and may we also use our gifts and talents to show your love and kindness to others.**

And the prayer which unites us...

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

*Because He Lives (UMH #364)*

*All*

## SENDING

May we see glimpses of Jesus in everyone we meet. May we show empathy towards one another in a way that unites us as people with a shared need for one another and for God. May Christ be with you and never leave you! May a stranger see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you; the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **God Bless! Go in peace, joy, and love. Shalom. Amen.**  
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Postlude

*Hymn to Joy*  
*arr. by Anna Laura Page*

*Marcia Yernberg*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sundays**, Worship at 9:30 am

**Tuesdays, 8:30 am:** Breakfast Club, at L&M

**Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am:** Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

**Saturdays, 9:00 am** Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

**Fridays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 pm:** Youth Group and Confirmation

**Music on the Prairie Wednesdays, 6-8 pm June, 18, July 16, August 20,**

beginning with The Old Country Boys in June. Food available

**Mon-Thurs., July 28-31, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS- Smore Jesus!**

Each evening we will have dinner, fun camping themed activities, with the campfire and s'mores.

See our website for more details at [www.littleprairieumc.org](http://www.littleprairieumc.org).

### **Website**



### **Online giving**



Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst