

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
March 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



Light of Love

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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

There Is a Redeemer" by Melody Green arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

Only in God do we find our rest.

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

Hymn of Praise *To God Be the Glory UMH #98*

All

Opening Prayer

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us a little child one of us to share in our humanity

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as carpenter and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as fisherman and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as teacher and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest, and king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for humankind

For God so loved the world,

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner's death to the triumph of a Saviour's resurrection

For God so loved the world, that all might have eternal life.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of me and you and other sinners too

God so loved the world blest are you Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment**

THE WORD

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

John 3:1-21

Message *"Light of Love"*

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206* *All*

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Offering *"Oh How He Loves You and Me" by Kurt Kaiser
arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow(UMH # 95)* *All*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

And the Prayer in which Christ 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 *Grace Alone FWS# 2162*

All

SENDING

Beloved, today God sends us out with a blessing and a practice. Repeat after me: (*breathe in*) God, fill me with Love ...(*breathe out*) and empty me of condemnation. May you carry this prayer with you this week, knowing that with every breath you breathe, you are blessed and sustained by Love who journeys with us in light and in darkness. Amen.

God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *"Because He Lives" by William & Gloria Gaither arr. Mary McDonald*
Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French

Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks

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 Chair: Larry Alderks, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

Snow shoveling for the week of March 10-17: Lucas Ostermann

Website



Online giving



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon. March 11, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L& M (every Monday)

Wed. March 13, 9-10:30 am Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

Wed. March 13, 5:30 pm: Lenten Soup Supper and the Art of Lent

Thurs. March 14, 6pm: Finance Committee meeting

Sat. March 16, 9am: Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Sun. March 17, 9:30 am: New Member Sunday

Tues. March 19, 7pm: Choir rehearsal

Fri. March 22, 3-8:00 pm: Fish Dinner **tickets required.**

If you would like to help, talk to Christina Keilen, Emily Burt, or Lori Larson.

Sun. March 24, 9:30 am Palm Sunday

Thurs. March 28, 7 pm: Holy (Maunday) Thursday Service

Fri., March 29, 7 pm Good Friday Service

Sun. March 31, 8 am breakfast

9 am Easter egg hunt

9:30 am Easter worship

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.