

**Palm Sunday**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**March 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**



***"It Is Needed"***

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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**

**Congregation Gathers in Fellowship Hall**

**Gathering Music**

*"I Will Enter His Gates"*  
by Leona von Brethorst  
with *"This Is the Day"* by Les Garrett arr. Mark Hayes

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome/Announcements (Fellowship Hall)**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

**Call to Worship (Fellowship Hall)**

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.  
**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

### **Entrance into Jerusalem**

#### **Processional Hymn of Praise**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (UMH #278)*

*Led by Little Prairie Choir*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

#### **Opening Prayer**

##### *Prayer of Confession*

**We confess, Anointed One, that sometimes we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed and we can take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Sometimes we feel what we do, is too small to make a difference. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.**

##### *Assurance of God's Love*

We, too, are a part of the Way-Maker's will for restoration. We are called, through Christ Jesus, to strive for restoration, but we are not called to do this work alone. The One who has made a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, will surely equip us for all we are asked to do in Christ's name.  
**God will empower us to attain all the potential God has placed within us. Thanks be to God!**

#### **Sharing the Peace**

#### **Children's Moment**

### **THE WORD**

#### **Mark 11:1-11**

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

#### **Message**

*"It Is Needed"*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

#### **Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor (UMH #280)*

#### **Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People**

We confess that sometimes we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

**Sometimes, we have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known.**

Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.**

Jesus Christ, our King of glory, sometimes, we have not been outspoken for you. We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us.

**Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King. Amen.**

### **Offering**

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"  
by Emily E.S. Elliott & Timothy R. Matthews*

*Little Prairie Chorus*

### **Doxology**

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save.

**Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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**

*When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (UMH #298)*

### **Sending**

And now, my friends, go forth to a week where transformation will meet you and guide you. Do not hide when they recognize you. Do not doubt when you see Christ. Do not deny when you are confronted. Do not stop until you are at the cross and there you will see the light and the burdens of your heart will roll away until then God be with you! Amen.

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

### **Postlude**

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"  
by William C. Dix & Rowland H. Prichard  
with "All Hail, King Jesus" by Dave Moody arr. Carol Tornquist*

*Luann Alderks*

## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service.

Monday, March 25, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast Club, L & M Restaurant (every Monday).

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop.

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service.

Friday, March 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service.

Saturday, March 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Soul Sisters (contact Theresa Siemers for details).

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 8:00 a.m. breakfast; 9:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt; 9:30 a.m. Easter Service.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 (TBD) – 29:11 International Exchange Music Group from South Africa.

Sunday through Thursday, July 28 to August 1, 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) – VBS Theater Camp Hollywood.

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