

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
May 18, 2025, 9:30 am



A New...

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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 *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN from Geistliche Kirchengesänge
arr. J.B. Taylor

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for love and justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love. We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Love Excelling UMH #384

All

Opening Prayer

Dear God, Creator of all life, as the Spring season unfolds before our eyes we come to you this day being reminded what is new.

“A new heaven and a new earth” through a continuously new commandment from Jesus, “Love one another.”

Help us remember that in each moment of time there is newness in you just waiting for us to see it.

Help us open our hearts and minds to breathe in your Spirit of love and compassion in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Children’s Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 10:22-30

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

They’ll Know We Are Christians TFWS #2223

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

God, you are in the song of the trees and the hungers of our hearts. You dwell in the pulse of creation; there is no place where you are not.

We give you thanks for the expansive power of your still-creating love.

We pray gratitude for the goodness of being creatures called to wonder and freedom.

You have created all that is, and you call it good. Give us the courage and wisdom to know ourselves as co-creators of your vision for abundant life for all.

Pulse of life, hear our prayer. Stir into the places of ecological despair the awareness that you are yet calling us to a new-created earth. Your Resurrection power extends to trees and hearts, imaginations and shared witness. We name on this day the places needful of reminders of your steadfast presence _____ (*list contextual concerns*)

We lift the complexity and harmony of life to your heart and trust that you hear and hold us as we pray in shared silence:

We claim kinship with the one who coaxed beauty out of trees, your son Jesus who is Christ.

Coax beauty out of us, living Spirit! Embolden us to be those who shape life, peace, and beauty. We pray, we live, we long, and we love, seeking to live your vision. May we know your kin-dom come, even now; especially now.

Amen

by Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay

Offering

"Jesus Loves Me" by William B Bradbury arr. Martha Mier

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giver of life, you are the source of all good things.

We entrust to you our gifts, that you would use them to make all know that with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. Amen.

And the Prayer Christ gives 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 have 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

Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS # 2190

All

SENDING

Here is the commandment...love one another!

Here is the commandment...love the planet that sustains us.

Let this love flow through the ordinary and the miraculous as we help bring into being the kingdom of God, *renewing* the world. May the Christ in you be fully present. 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 love, joy, peace and calm. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living" TUNE: ASH GROVE arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

Tues. May 20, 1pm: Admin board meeting

Fri. May 23, 5:30pm: Confirmation and Youth Group

Sun. June 1 New Member Sunday is being rescheduled

Sun. June 8, 9:30 am Graduation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

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, 2nd and 4th 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.

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



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