

Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
July 13, 2025, 9:30 am



The Art of Neighboring
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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 *"The Servant Song" Tune: Beach Spring from "The Sacred Harp"*
arr. Mark Hayes Luann Alderks

Welcome Pastor Penny Bonsell
Centering Time

Call to Worship

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

We have heard of this hope!

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025.

Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air UMH # 192

All

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us. Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being.

We really do want to listen to your voice above all of the other voices in our lives.

But we get bogged down in the daily routine.

We forget who we are.

We forget who you are.

We sometimes forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, gathered before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

Adapted from Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000. Posted on Simple Living Works,

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Luke 10:25-37

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu UMH # 432

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Gracious and Merciful God, your love is steadfast, and your mercy endures forever.

Forgive us for not loving as you love. Forgive us for the ways and words we've used to oppress your people and help us to forgive those who've oppressed us.

Forgive us for the deeds that we've done that have burdened instead of uplifted the hearts and minds of those we've encountered.

Forgive us for silence during times of injustice and free us to rise and advocate for those who live under the leadership of unjust rulers, who live in a state of turmoil and depression.

Help us to reconcile and make peace with one another. Help us to bear one another's burdens and to be agents of your liberating love so that all of your people will be able to live justly. We confess our sins before you silently now, knowing that you are willing and able to cleanse and revive us through Christ's resurrecting power, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Written by Stacey Cole Wilson, The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008), 150.

Offering

"I Love Thee" from Ingall's Christian Harmony arr. Tom Fettke

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and strengthening God, in you, we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy.

As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ.

Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect your abundant love and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ's name, we give and rejoice. 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

More Love to Thee O Christ

UMH # 453

All

SENDING

Children of God, remember: you are not alone! This hope you have heard is the hope that draws us together to co-create a world where hope becomes reality. Go now in the blessing of the Triune God, the Source and Sustainer of our hope, to share the love of God wherever you go. 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. **Amen. God Bless! Go in love, joy, hope, peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude

"Make Me a Servant" by Kelly Willard arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

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

Website



Online giving



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)

Tues. July 22, 1pm: Admin board meeting

Mon-Thurs., July 28-31, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS- S'more Time with Jesus!

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

August 18 - August 23. Meals on Wheels. Call Lori Larson @ 507-321-8389 if interested.

Wed Aug 20 Music on the Prairie! Hep Cats

Sunday Sept. 14, 9:30 am Cowboy Church

Saturday, Sept. 20, 12-6:30pm Dundas Oktoberfest Family Friendly Community Event

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

Job Posting-Soundboard Technician

Church Landscaping for information and bids see Tom Stowe