

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Little Prairie United Methodist Church  
July 20, 2025, 9:30 am**



***The Glory of this Mystery; Christ in You***  
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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** *"Open Our Eyes" by Robert Cull/"Be Thou My Vision"*  
*Irish Folk Melody arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

**Welcome** *Pastor Penny Bonsell*  
**Centering Time**

**Call to Worship**

Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

**We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.**

In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

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In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

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Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

**Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!**

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

**Hymn**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH # 103*

*All*

**Opening Prayer**

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world. In your dying for us, you accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation.

**The arms of your cross stretch out cross the broken world in reconciliation.**

You have made peace with us.

**Helps us to make peace with you by sharing in your reconciling work.**

May we recognize your spirit disturbing and challenging us to care for creation and for the poor who most feel the effects of its abuse.

**O Christ, the whole of creation groans. Set us free and make us whole. Amen.**

*From the Iona Community's Iona Abbey Worship Book (Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, 2001).*

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Psalms 52**

**Colossians 1:15-28**

**Luke 10:38-42**

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

**Message**

*The Glory of this Mystery; Christ in You*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**      *Come and Find the Quiet Center*      TFWS # 2128

*All*

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayers for the People**

Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.

*Offer silent prayers of confession..*

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –When we remake you in our image, when we claim our causes as your own, when we box you in, and explain you away, and in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.

**Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us: awaken us to your glory, confound us by your love, shower us with grace so that we will be made new, recreated in your image, grateful for all that we cannot know. In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.**

#### *Assurance of Forgiveness*

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."*

#### **Offering**

*"Take My Life and Let It Be" by Henry A. Cesar Malan &  
Winfield S. Weeden arr. Tom Fettke*

*Luann Alderks*

#### **Doxology**

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

*All*

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace.

**May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. 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**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

*UMH # 349*

*All*

## **SENDING**

Go now in the blessing of Christ, the image of the invisible, Love-made-flesh. May God's loving presence surround you on every side, guiding you and empowering you to share God's loving presence with everyone you meet. 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**

*"Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual 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](http://www.littleprairieumc.org).

**Job Posting**-Soundboard Technician

**Church Landscaping** for information and bids see Tom Stowe