

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 17, 2025, 9:30 am**



Standing in God's Holy Fire

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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

"Hymn to Joy" by Ludwig Van Beethoven arr. Jeanne Cotter

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Rev. Jef Olson

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Children of God, for the sake of the joy of salvation, we gather...

We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

For the sake of the joy of salvation, we proclaim...

**We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us
into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

For the sake of the joy of salvation, we respond...

We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.

For the sake of the joy of salvation, God sends us...

God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.

Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

Hymn *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* *UMH # 175* *All*

Opening Prayer

Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Written by Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship*, ed. Ruth C. Duck (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2009), 50.*

Sharing the Peace

The Baptismal Covenant *Vivienne Kira Alderks*

Pastor Jef Olson and Rev. Mark Granquist

Special Music *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" by John Ylvisaker*
Sung by Robert Granquist and Candice Jones

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Psalm 139.13-16

1 Peter 3.18-22

Luke 12.49-56

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

Message *Standing in God's Holy Fire* *Rev. Jef Olson*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Spirit of God* *TFWS 2117* *All*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God, saying,

What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away. Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Written by Thom Shuman, posted at <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=5840>.

Offering *"Thy Holy Wings" by Caroline V. Sandell-Berg & Ernest Edwin Ryden*
arr. Michael Burkhardt Sung by Robert Granquist and Candice Jones

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Enduring and Gracious God, we accept your invitation to stand with the saints of all ages to stand in your holy, refining fire. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world.

Strengthen us to live into our baptismal covenant day by day, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all believers. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 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 *To God Be the Glory UMH #98* *All*

SENDING

Children of God, go now in the presence of the great cloud of witnesses and in the blessing of God who forms us for community. May you find in God and one another the joy to persevere as we follow after Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as we seek God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen. God Bless! Go in love, joy, hope and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude *"Joyful Day" by 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: Logan Crosby



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 (but not on Wed Aug 20)

Saturdays, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

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.

Welcome new Soundboard technician- Logan Crosby

Church Landscaping for information and bids see Tom S