

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 31, 2025, 9:30 am



A Place at the Table

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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 *Morning Has Broken-* arr. by Laura Wasson Marcia Yernberg

You are invited to light a candle of Remembrance and Hope at the Table as we prepare for worship

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

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

Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236

All

Opening Prayer

In the face of all our realities:

We are the people who heal each other,

Who grow strong together, who name the truth,

Who know what it means to live in community,

Moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth.

In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adapted from the people of Pitt Street Uniting Church (Sydney, Australia),

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalms 121

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

A Place at the Table

Worship and Song #3149

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Knowing that our God journeys with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy. For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and your people

For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in mutual love and hospitality. Amen.

Adapted from Offering Hospitality to Refugees, compiled by Loreto Conroy.

Offering *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. by Lorie Line*

Marcia Yernberg

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope.

Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. 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

Servant Song

TFWS #2222

All

SENDING

Children of God, go from this place in the blessing of the Triune God, our Helper and our Friend, offering your sacrifice of praise and sharing what you have as you spread the love of God in mutuality and care to the ends of the earth and back again. 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 and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *Sent Forth by God's Blessing - arr. by Lynette Maynard* *Marcia Yernberg*

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

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

Friday, Sept. 5, 5-8pm MESStival for youth group! *Please make sure to RSVP so we can have enough food and supplies.

Tues, Sept. 9 1pm Finance Committee meeting

Sunday Sept. 14, 9:30 am Cowboy Church

Tues. Sept. 16 1pm Admin Committee meeting

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