

Little Prairie United Methodist Church



Our Vision:

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Hymn of Praise: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH # 152* *All*

Opening Prayer:

Lord our God, you yourself remind us through your people that all our religious practices, even the eucharistic sacrifice, (re-presentation of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross) are not worth anything if we use them to bend you our way.

God, may we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn toward you. Accept us as your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever.

Amen. Based on <https://ocarm.org/en/item/79>

Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 65

Luke 18:9-14

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

Message:

Humility Re-Forming

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

Just As I Am, Without One Plea *UMH # 357*

All

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Holy God, you promise to hear us when we pray, and shower us with unexpected blessings. You relieve our sufferings and fill us with good things. When we face challenges that threaten to overcome us, you give us strength. With grateful hearts, we entrust our cares and concerns to you, praying,

"Gracious God, hear our prayer."

For an end to violence, between countries, within nations, on our streets, and in our homes, and especially in ...

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For those who offer aid to refugees and victims of natural disasters, and all who suffer from forces beyond their control ...

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For those who seek shelter on the streets of our nation, even in our own communities ...

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For all those who have lost their way ...

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For our secret burdens ... Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Gather up our prayers, O God, and those we did not know to pray, and make us ever more faithful as we lean into your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ, our light and our hope. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year C (pp. 589-590).

Offering: *"Grace Alone" by Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson arr. Mark Hayes*
 Words for meditation FWS #2162

Luann Alderks

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace.

Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 18:9-14)

And the prayer which unites 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:

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH # 357

All

SENDING

What greater joy can we know that to go home justified because of our humility before God who redeems? Let us leave this place to live as we came in – openly and desiring to praise God and witness to a saving love. Go in humble grace. 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. **Amen.**

God Bless! Go in hope, peace, joy, and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Martin Luther arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Thursdays, 5:30pm Fall Bible Book Group. "Beatitudes for Today" by James C. Howell

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sat. Nov. 22, 4-8 pm Annual Ham Dinner, proceeds benefit CAC food shelves

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

