

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
May 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



He Abides with 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

Dan Dauner

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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

Hymn: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God (UMH #152)*

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Opening Prayer

God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing.

Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings.

Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.

Shape us into the people you have made us to be –poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.

Written by Lutheran Julia and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Psalm 115:1-11, 18b

John 14:15-21

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

Message

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Hymn:

Healer of Our Every Ill (TFWS # 2213)

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the People

Eternal God, Creator of all that is, in you, we live and move and have our being.

You have placed us on earth and sustained our being through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe. You have made us for each other, to tend and care for the weak and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources.

But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people who hoard what the earth provides and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labours, who live for today with little thought for tomorrow, who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.

Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace, you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow.

You embrace us in all our sinfulness and, in doing so, give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.

Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and be forgiven, seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love modelled on the example of Jesus Christ, in whose name we make this prayer. Amen.

*Written by the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday,
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>*

Offering

Dan Dauner

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust.

Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen. (John 14:15-21)

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

Love Divine, All Love Excelling (UMH #384)

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SENDING

Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with you as we live the unfolding story of God's dream for creation here and now. 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. God Bless! **Go in hope, peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude

Dan Dauner

Little Prairie UMC UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop

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

Wed. June 10, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Old Country Boys (Food available at 5:30)

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

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst



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