

**Happy Father's Day
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 25, 2023, 9:30 am**



Tell in the Light...Proclaim from the housetops

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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

Vicki Kanne

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

People of God, tell it!

We are not alone! We are children of God!

People of Christ, tell it!

The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

People of the Spirit, tell it!

The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

People of God, tell it!

We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

Hymn *Children of the Heavenly Father UMH #141*

All

Opening Prayer

God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. **There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love.**

Forgive when we step away from the Light.

Guide us to walk in the Light, knowing we have been forgiven and we are restored to God, living in the way of Christ. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment**

THE WORD

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Message *Tell in the Light...Proclaim from the housetops*

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Take Up Thy Cross UMH #415

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

You tell us it is enough for us to be like you. Yet we are overwhelmed and discouraged by the injustice that surrounds us and our seeming inability to do anything about it. How are we supposed to be like you, all-powerful God, when we feel so powerless?

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

You tell us not to fear those who can kill the body but not the soul. Yet the violence in the world threatens to deaden our hearts, and that scares us. How are we supposed to resist fear when threats seem to abound on all sides?

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

You tell us we are of more value than sparrows. Yet we notice so many in our neighborhoods and our world who are treated as less than human, even less than a sparrow. How are we supposed to restore dignity to all those whom the world has devalued?

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

You tell us to tell in the light what we receive in the dark, to shout from the rooftops what is whispered in secret. In the face of the world's suffering, violence, and despair, whisper in our hearts that we learn to grow as your disciples who declare in the light the love and goodness of God with our voices and our lives. **Amen.**

Offering

Vicki Kanne

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship. Why then do we hide what we give, and why do we worry about who might know?

Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ's disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops.

May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear.

May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

And the prayer in which Jesus unites us...

The Lord's Prayer

All

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus TFWS #2129

All

Sending

People of God, go and tell it! When it's hard, when it's joyous, when it's inconvenient, when it's healing—go tell the good news of the Light of Christ in the light. And remember that you do not go alone. We are children of God! God sends you. Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **Amen.**

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

Postlude

Vicki Kanne

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



Website



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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)

Sun. June 21, 3pm: Harriet Code visitation, celebration of life service at 4pm

4th of July Picnic on the Prairie, 12, noon

Wed. July 22, 6-8 pm Music on the Prairie (Food at 5:30 pm)

Mon, July 27-30, 5:30-8 pm, Team Jesam VBS Olympics

