

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2026, 9:30 am**



*To One of These Little Ones*

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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**

*Lord of Life, Sing Through Me*     *Deborah Dessie*  
*O For a Song*     *Deborah Govenor*

*Nan Winsell*

**Welcome/Announcements**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Centering Time**

**Call to Worship:**

Dear God, we gather together to worship you. Breathe on us the breath of the Holy Spirit, so we may hear your word.

**We praise the love that Christ revealed to us, living, and working in our world.**

Help us to see the hungry children who need to be fed.

**Forgive us when we turn our backs or are unable to see those who are in need. Guide us to be filled by the Spirit in the air, for Christ has come to stay. Amen**

**Hymn:**

*There's a Spirit in the Air* UMH # 192

*All*

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age.

**You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another.**

Show us the way to live grateful lives,

**without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name, we pray.**

**Amen.** Long, Kim. *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A* (p. 346)

**Sharing the Peace****Children's Moment:****THE WORD****Psalm 13****Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies**

*To the leader. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain<sup>[a]</sup> in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**Matthew 10:40-42****Rewards**

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

**Message:**

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*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:**

*Jesu, Jesu UMH # 432*

*All*

### **Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People**

God calls us to offer up the world's concerns in petition for others. Let us therefore pray for the church, the world, and those in need, saying,

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God: you do not abandon what you have created but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age, and we pray for the faith to receive it.

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, caring God: you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you know the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. Call your church to compassion and service.

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, God of peace: you call us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in the One who bears us up. Give comfort and courage to all refugees, Raise up peacemakers among all peoples and confound those who place their fortunes in weapons.

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, God of justice: you desire that all be one. Erase prejudice and class divisions, bring strength to those who are persecuted, and heal those who believe that destruction is the path of righteousness.

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, turn us to your ways. Make us bold. Increase our passion for what is good. Inspire us with the witness of those who have gone before us, especially [names of those commemorated in the coming week], whose faith shines through the ages.

**Hear us, O God; your mercy is great. Into your hands we place the welfare of all for whom we pray. We trust in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (pp. 347-348). (Function). Kindle Edition.*

**Offering:**

*Take Now My Life, Douglas Nolan*

*Nan Winsell*

**Doxology**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we thank you:

**for the community of faith you have built,**

for your servants who have held fast to you through centuries,

**for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors,**

for the gospel's welcome to all in need,

**for the healing that comes from your watchfulness. Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In**

**Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (p. 349).*

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:**

*Living for Jesus TFWS #2149*

*All*

## **SENDING**

May God keep you safe. May your bellies be full. May your thirst be quenched. May your hearts be blessed with knowing you are loved. And may you share that love with all who come your way. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **Amen.**

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

**Postlude:**      *Go Ye Into All the World , Nancy Price & Don Besig*

*Nan Winsell*

## **INFORMATION**

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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)

**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**

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