

Cowboy Church
New Member Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 29, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



For the Beauty of the Earth

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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

Joe and Anne Klein and Little Prairie Band

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Welcome New Members

Centering Time

Calling You by Hank Williams

Joe and Anne Klein

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

The world, and those who live in it, belong to God.

In the beginning, God spoke light into darkness,

And called the waters, the land, and every living thing good.

God placed us in the garden to till it and keep it.

We gather to praise the Creator and renew our calling to care for creation.

Come, let us worship God, maker of heaven and earth!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken (UMH # 145)*

All

Opening Prayer

Creator God, you shaped the prairie and the rivers, the oak and the sparrow,

The soil beneath our fields and the stars above our barns.

Every creature bears the mark of your hand, and you declared it all good.

Open our eyes to see your glory in the world around us, open our hearts to love what you love,

And open our hands to serve as faithful keepers of your garden, planet earth.

Through You, by whom all things are made. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Special Music *I'm Working on the Road by The Easters Little Prairie Band*

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans^[c] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Romans 8:19–22 (Wesley's text for Sermon 60)

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,

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

Message

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (UMH # 92)

All

Special Music

The Garden Song by David Mallet

Anne and Joe Heinz

Reception of New Members:

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concern/Prayers of the People

For the land that sustains us, for the farmers who plant and harvest, for rain in its season and rich soil in our fields, we give thanks. Help us to care for the ground that feeds us.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For rivers, lakes, and streams, for the Cannon River and the waters of our state, and for all who lack clean water to drink. Make us wise protectors of this precious gift.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For the animals of field and forest, livestock and wild creatures, and the pets who share our homes. As Wesley taught, your compassion extends to every creature. Make us gentle and just in how we treat them.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For communities harmed by storms, drought, fire, and flood, and for those who suffer most from the damage done to the earth. Grant comfort, relief, and justice.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For leaders in our nation and world, and for all who shape how we use the earth's resources. Give them wisdom to choose the common good.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For our congregation, that our daily choices may reflect our faith, and that future generations may inherit a world still full of your goodness.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

Hear also the prayers we now offer in silence or aloud...

(Silence or spoken prayers)

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, **Amen**

Offering *When the Angels Sing by Rhonda Vincent* *Little Prairie Band*

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Everything we have comes from God's generous hand. The earth is the Lord's, and we are its caretakers. Let us return a portion of what we have received, as an act of gratitude and stewardship.

Generous God, all good gifts come from you. Receive these offerings as signs of our thanks and our commitment to care for your world. Multiply them for the healing of creation and the good of our neighbors. Amen.

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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful (UMH #147)* **All**

Sending

May God the Creator, who called the world good, Christ the Redeemer, in whom all things hold together, and the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth, bless you and keep you, today and always. Because, 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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Joe and Anne Klein and the Little Prairie Band*

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 James Gang coffee shop with Pastor Penny

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

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

Wed. Sept 23, 5-6 pm New Member Meeting

6-7:30 pm Fall Book Study Philippians Sept.16-Nov. 9

Sun Sept 27, 9:30 am Cowboy Church and New Member Sunday

Fri. Oct 30, 6-7 pm Little PrairieTrunk-or-Treat in Dundas

Fri. Oct 16, 6:30 pm Youth Parent Meeting

Sat. Oct 17, 10 am Little Hands Ring and Sing

Sun. Oct. 18, 2:00 pm Movie Matinee *Mary Poppins*

Sat. Nov. 21, 3-7 pm Ham Dinner Supporting CAC local food shelves

Thurs. Dec 24, 4:00 pm Candle light Christmas Eve Service

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 and Karen Matthies



Website



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