

# Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 4, 2024, 9:30 am

*Little Prairie United Methodist Church*



*With Wings Like Eagles*

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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**      *"On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome/Announcements**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Centering Time**

### **Call to Worship:**

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

**God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Hymn:** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise UMH # 103*

*All*

**Opening Prayer:**

O God, we are gathered here under the shelter of your wings, nurtured by your motherly love, and encouraged, then, to fly by faith on the wind of your spirit.

**You have spoken to us, saying "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles."**

Teach us how to wait, then, that we may learn how to fly. May this nest we call "family" be built with sturdy materials.

**Don't let us forget, though, that this nest was not created as a fortress behind which to hide, but as a perch from which to take off.**

And strengthen us with the assurance that we do not fly alone.

**This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

**THE WORD**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Mark 1:29-39**

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

**Message:** *"With Wings Like Eagles"*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:** *We've a Story to Tell the Nations UMH #569*

*All*

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

God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power.

**Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole.**

May there be healing in us: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest.

**We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

**Offering:** *"On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas arr. Carol Tornquist*

*Luann Alderks*

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

*All*

**Holy Communion**

**Lord's Table**

May the God of all be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Communion Prayer

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.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**     *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" by Sebastian Temple arr. Mark Hayes  
Luann Alderks*

**Hymn:**     *Christ for the World We Sing*     UMH #568     *All*

### **SENDING**

Go now to wait on God, to pay attention to all God is doing around you, and to serve as the Spirit guides you. And may the peace of Christ bless you and keep you wherever you may go. May a stranger find in you a friend. In the name of Jesus, the hope of our salvation. **Amen. God Bless! Go in hope, peace, joy, and love. Shalom. Amen.**

**Postlude:** *Song for the Nations" by Chris Christensen arr. Mark Hayes*  
*Luann Alderks*

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### **INFORMATION**

See our website for more details at [www.littleprairieumc.org](http://www.littleprairieumc.org).

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French

Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks

Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz and Kory Larson,

Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, Lay Leader: Theresa Siemers, SPRC

Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen

Finance Committee Chair: Larry Alderks, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions: Karen Nelson, Outreach and

Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

### **Snow shoveling:**

Thank you to Bruce Stowe for shoveling duties this week.

Feb 4-10th: Tom Stowe

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mon. Feb 5, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L& M

Thurs Feb 8, 6-7 pm Finance team

Sat Feb 10, 9:00 am: Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Sat Feb 10, Valentine's Dinner with family 5 pm gathering-appetizers, 6 pm dinner: catered by Ruth on Stafford, Jazz music **tickets required by Feb 7**

Wed Feb 14, 7 pm: Ash Wednesday

Mon, Feb 19, Admin Council

Wed Feb 21, 5:30 pm: Lenten Soup Suppers begin

Fri March 22, 3-8:00 pm: Fish Dinner **tickets required**