

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 19, 2024, 9:30 am**



***Who's Knocking at Your Door?***

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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**

*"Spirit Song" by John Wimber arr. Mark Hayes*  
*Words for meditation #347*

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome**  
**Centering Time**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **Call to Worship**

Like the original disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with Jesus our Risen Savior.

**We come ready to receive what God has to give... Right?**

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples, and there were still questions among them.

**And yet, today, we still may have many questions. Who is knocking at our door?**

**What if we are afraid to answer?**

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples

**We too, can receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom today.**

As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit is here to blaze through us today,

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire, passion and love that unites us as the Body of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Spirit of the Living God*

*UMH #393*

*All*

## **Opening Prayer**

Sometimes, we do not stop enough to listen to you, still-peace speaking God.

And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to you, dear God and help us listen.

*[silence]*

Let us confess together:

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that sometimes we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with dividedness.

**We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way not your way.**

Sometimes, we deny the beauty you created in another person.

**We long to change these patterns of thought, O God, yet sometimes, we do not know how.**

Teach us to challenge ourselves to see and understand one another.

**Help us to see strength in differences and empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

## THE WORD

**Acts 2:1-21**

**John 15:26-27:4b-15**

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

**Message**

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**

*My Hope is Built* UMH # 368

*All*

### **Prayers of the People**

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.

**We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children.**

You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and in times of joy and peace.

**We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises.**

Be with those who suffer and those who mourn.

**May your flame and breath fill us so we may be a witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Tune: Trentham arr. Mark Hayes  
Luann Alderks*

**Doxology**

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Dear God of wind and flame, set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, **but also, the gift of hearing and comprehension with one another.**

As we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit,

**breathing life and igniting the hearts of your people.**

Just as you gave life to the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to open our doors to those who are in need in the brokenness of our world.

**May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal, restoration and unity. 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**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*      *UMH # 404*

*All*

### **SENDING**

Go out into the world, and work to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. May the God who breathed life into Creation be your delight. May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. We go in peace to love and serve.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

**Postlude**

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Doris Akers arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

### **INFORMATION**

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Speaker and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

## **Upcoming Events**

Mon, May 20, 7 pm: Admin. Council

Tues. May 21, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. May 22, 9-10:30 pm: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Fri. May 24, 5:30-8 pm: Youth Group

Sat. May 25, 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Sun-Thurs., July 28- Aug 1, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS Theater Camp Little Prairie's "Holy"wood Productions. Children and youth will be invited to create, direct, act, sing, and build the set and stage to tell Bible stories. We are hoping to create a short movie of our adventure.

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

### **Website**



### **Online giving**

