

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
May 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



Love... As I Have Loved You

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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

"I Love You, Lord" by Laurie Klein arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

I Come With Joy

UMH #617

All

Opening Prayer

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God.

We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation.

Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading.

Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all.

Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you,

O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

Message *"Love... As I Have Loved You"*

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557*

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Prayer

Almighty God, you love us, but sometimes we have not loved you; you call, but sometimes we have not listened. Forgive us when we have left your way, wrapped up in our own concerns.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering *"More Love to Thee" by William H. Doane arr. Carol Tornquist*

Luann Alderks

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

All

Holy Communion *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us" by Stuart Townend*

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

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 in which Christ 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 *Blessed Assurance* *UMH #369* *All*

SENDING

Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. Amen. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere.

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

Postlude "*The Love of God*" by *Frederick M. Lehman* arr. *Mark Hayes*

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Certified Lay Speaker: Theresa Siemers, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks

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

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Upcoming Events

Tues. May 7, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Thurs. May 9, 6 pm Finance Committee

Fri. May 10, Youth Group 5:30-8 pm starting with dinner

Sat. May 11, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Mon. May 20, 7 pm: Admin. Council

Sun-Thurs., July 28- Aug 1, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm VBS Theater Camp *Hollywood*

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