# Celebrating our Graduates Second Sunday After Pentecost Little Prairie United Methodist Church June 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



Wonderfully Made

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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** "Open Our Eyes" by Robert Cull with "Be Thou My Vision" an Irish Folk Melody arr. by Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Welcome Centering Time Pastor Penny Bonsell

## **Call to Worship**

The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

#### Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

## We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

# We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

# We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

**Hymn of Praise** Be Thou My Vision UMH #451 All

#### **Opening Prayer**

I come before God knowing that "confession is good for the soul." But the thought of opening up before you is overwhelming.

At times, I cannot bear to remember how often I have gone astray. At other times, I cloud my memory, justifying what I know is wrong in your sight.

I cannot trust myself to confess my sins as often as I should. I need you to help me to be honest.

So, like the psalmist, I say, "Search me Lord." You know me. You know my thoughts. You know where I have been and where I am going. Search me, Lord; and if there is any wicked way in me, deliver me and lead me into righteousness. Offer prayers of silent confession.

Receive these words of assurance. The Lord is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

The cleansing power of the Holy Spirit is here today. Receive God's forgiveness and the Holy Spirit's cleansing. Live now in the newness of life afforded children of God. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace** 

**Celebrating our Graduates Garrett Ostermann and Parker Kline** 

# **THE WORD**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corithians 4:5-12

Message "Wonderfully Made" Pastor Penny Bonsell

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn** Lord, Speak to Me UMH #463 All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

**Offering** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" by Steve Negley

Sung by Elisabeth Alderks

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

**Holy Communion** "One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley, SJ 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** Here I Am UMH #593 All

# **SENDING**

As we prepare to leave this place, here in this room or at home, turn to a neighbor or look in a mirror. Now, look into the eyes of the person in front of you and say, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made." May this truth be a blessing to you this week: the Creator who knows you better than you know yourself fearfully and wonderfully made you just as you are. Let us go now to speak truth, share love, and recognize the Creator's fingerprint in all of creation. Amen.

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

**Postlude** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Tune: Nettleton 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, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

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# **Little Prairie UMC Upcoming Events**

Tues. June 4, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. June 5, Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Sat. June 1, 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Thurs, June 6, 7:00 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Mon. June 17, 7:00pm: Admin Board Meeting

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.

Website



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