

Call to Worship

Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity who is perpetual in love. Amen.

Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH #126* *All*

Opening Prayer:

Holy and uncontainable God, for trying to contain you, forgive us.

Loving and limitless God, for trying to limit you, forgive us.

Gracious and boundless God, for trying to bind you, forgive us.

Sometimes we are foolish enough to believe that it is to our advantage to reduce you to something we can comprehend. Forgive us, Almighty God. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Baptism *Cason Eugene Carlson*

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me UMH #191* *All*

THE WORD

Psalm 138

Mark 3:20-35

Message *"Steadfast Love"* *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Grace Alone

TFWS # 2162

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Almighty God, we give thanks for family in you through Jesus Christ. Guide us to live in your house fully, a house with open doors, a house that welcomes, serves and loves all.

Forgive us when we lose our way with you. Be with those who suffer and who are in mourning. Help us care for our brothers and sisters who suffer.

Be with those who are in the midst of war. May your Spirit of love and peace fill the the hears of local, national and world leaders so that peace may prevail.

We give thanks for this beautiful creation we call planet earth. Help us to be the best stewards we can possibly be. Amen

Offering

"This Is My Father's World" by Franklin L. Sheppard arr. Tedd Smith

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with your divine rhythm.

Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of your love.

Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament to your enduring grace.

As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of your unwavering presence.

Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

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

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH # 548 All

SENDING

This is the faith that Christians proclaim: The power of God that created the world is the power of love. The power in Jesus that rescues the world is the power of love. The power in us that changes the world is the power of love. Therefore, I bid you go in the name of love. Amen. **God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude *"Shout to the North" by Aaron Williams with "Rise Up, O Church of God" by Martin Smith arr. Tom Fettke*
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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Upcoming Events

Tues. June 11, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. June 12, Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Sat. June 15, 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Fri. June 21, 5:30-8:00 pm Youth Group

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.

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