

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
July 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



Coming Home

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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
Mark Hayes

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" by William B. Bradbury arr.
Luann Alderks*

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We gather this morning to reflect on when Jesus came home to his hometown. He brought divine power and wisdom. The disciples followed him.

The people of his childhood took offense to him. He was rejected. And yet, Jesus continued to teach, love and heal.

God gave and still gives these outspoken prophets words that will catch our attention to guide us to divine love and wisdom.

May we pay attention. We need inner loving strength that does not fade, so that God can use us like God used the earliest disciples.

They followed Jesus. They healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out demons.

We are today's disciples of Jesus. We are called to follow, love, heal and reconcile with one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* *UMH #127* *All*

Opening Prayer

Loving God, who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, come near to us today.

Make known among us and within us your strength and love so that we may go into the world as your disciples.

Guide us to bring what is needed on our journey to reach others where they are.

Help us remember that your love is steadfast and that we are loved even in times of rejection. We pray this in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment

THE WORD

Galatians 3:23-29

Mark 6:1-13

Message *"Coming Home"* *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *In Christ there is No East and West* *UMH #548* *All*

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Almighty God, we give thanks for family in you through Jesus Christ. Heal us, so that you can use us. Help us to receive healing from you.

Show us how to walk in happiness and joy. Teach us how to love the unlovable enough to want to contend with the harmful forces of evil that hold them.

Inspire the minds of all humankind to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to us the vision of truth and justice. Guide us so that all nations and peoples may work together.

We need the kind of wisdom and love that comes from your Holy Spirit every day.

Forgive us when we lose our way with you. Be with those who suffer and who are in mourning.

We give thanks for your Almighty creation, on earth as it is in heaven. Help us to be your faithful stewards in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering *"Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson arr. Lowell Alexander
Luann Alderks*

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

Holy Communion *"Let Us Break Bread Together" Traditional Spiritual 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 *Christ for the World We Sing* *UMH #568* *All*

SENDING

May you know how deeply you are loved in the family of God in Christ. May you feel this love so much, that a stranger sees in you a friend and neighbor. 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 *"Song for the Nations" by Chris Christensen arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Youth assistants: Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Adminstrator: 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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