

22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
October 20, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“Not to be Served, but to Serve”

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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 *"Servant Medley" ("The Servant Song:" Tune: Beach Spring)*
& *("Make Me a Servant" by Kelly Willard) arr. Mark Hayes*

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”

Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

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Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

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Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God’s abundant love and grace among us.

We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH #581 All*

Opening Prayer:

Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us.

Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human.

More than that, you adopted the role of servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children’s Moment

Kids’ Club (Formerly known as Sunday School;-)

All kids are invited to come downstairs for a time of fun and adventure. This week’s leaders are Jim and Pam Williams. Next week’s leaders are Mel and Ruthi Henrichs.

THE WORD

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Mark 10:35-45

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu UMH # 432

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Dear humble and loving God, you wait with patience for us until we are open to you. Tune us to hear your voice of love. Help us to hear and follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, his teachings and the giver of your peace.

Forgive us when we tend to focus on having *seats* in the kingdom that we sometimes lose focus on the *work* of the kingdom. Forgive us when we are neglecting those who are in need.

Let us not become so focused on the everlasting but shift to what we can do for you today. Help us serve and care for those who are in the midst of war or who have been affected by floods and natural disaster.

We give thanks for this beautiful creation, we call planet Earth in which we are all apart. Help us to be the best stewards we can possibly be. You invite us to your kingdom, a gift to not keep to ourselves.

***We have a charge to keep and a God to glorify. Let's get to work and build God's kingdom while we still have breath in our bodies. Amen.**

**Note: "A Charge to Keep I Have" by Charles Wesley, 1762*

Offering

*"Take My Life and Let It Be" by Henry A. C'esar Malan arr. Tom Fettke
Luann Alderks*

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. **Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 *The Servant Song* *TFWS#2222* *All*

SENDING

Beloved, go today in the blessing of Jesus Christ, who challenges us to share our love through service and receive love through the service others, binding us together as a community through holy interdependence.

God sends you, the Spirit fills you. Christ of goes with you and you with the Christ of always and everywhere. **Amen.**

Go in love, peace and joy! Shalom.

Postlude *"They'll Know We Are Christians" Tune: St. Brendan's arr. Mark Hayes*
Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events

Mon. Oct 21, 7:00pm: Admin board meeting

Tues. October 22, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. October 23, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Wed. October 23, 5:30-7:00 pm: Soup Supper and Book study, *The Book of Forgiving*,

Wed. October 23, 6:30-7:30 pm Pumpkin Painting in Large Room-Basement

Fri. October 25, 5:30 pm, Little Prairie at Dundas Trunk-O-Treat

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for schedule and details)

Sat. October 26, 5-6 pm Little Prairie Trunk-O Treat Bring donations for our local food shelves

Sat., Nov. 23, 4-8 pm: Fall Ham Dinner

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister 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, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

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