

Cowboy Church
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“A Bit of Bridled Love”

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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

Joe and Anne Heinz

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We humbly come to you this day to tell you thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues soetimes.

Sometimes, we hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not harm.

Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down.

Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to bring more of your love to the world. It is in the name of the one who redeemed us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken UMH* *UMH # 145* *All*

Opening Prayer:

God, we come today to give you thanks and to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We thank you for your grace and mercy.

Lord, we thank you for Wisdom. She is crying out to us, and sometimes we have ignored her.

Today is the day that we cry out, acknowledging that we need Wisdom. We understand far too well the cruelties of this world.

Give us your wisdom, Lord. We need her so that we can handle the uncertainties of life. God, we hear her and you loud and clear. It's in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Baptism *River Archie Mikiska*

Parent:Larissa and Jacob Mikiska God Parents: Jennifer and Andrew Murphy

Congregational Prayer: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround river Archie with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple, who walks in the way that leads to life. Amen.

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

THE WORD

Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:34-38

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Down to the River to Pray

W&S #3164

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Dear loving God, help us to have Wisdom and to know that care must be taken as we speak.

The tongue can curse by spreading an evil fire. Also, the tongue can curse by keeping silent when it has something to say.

Spirit of Wisdom, we hear your cries when we turn on the television and on social media. But do we listen? How do we listen for the Holy Spirit? Sometimes we carry around the idea that “as long as it’s not happening to me . . .”, but what happens when it does happen to us?

Spirit of Wisdom, never stop crying out. The more you cry, Holy Spirit, the better our chances are of you waking us up. Keep on crying for that father who doesn’t know which way to turn. Keep on crying for that mother who is on the verge of giving up. Keep on crying for the child who feels lost. Keep on crying for your beautiful creation, of which we are a part;

Keep on crying, Spirit of Wisdom, until the alarm goes off in the bedroom of our souls and we stand united . . . awakened by you, Spirit of Wisdom, never to slumber again. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Offering

Joe and Anne Heinz

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, Jesus taught us “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow.

Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ’s 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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* *UMH # 349* *All*

SENDING

May the love and peace of God be our voice and on our tongues, so 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. **Amen.**

Go in love, peace and joy! Shalom.

Postlude

Joe and Anne Heinz

INFORMATION

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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Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept. 16, 7:00 pm: Admin Council meeting

Tues. Sept. 17, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. Sept. 18, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

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

Sat. Sept. 21, Noon-6:30 pm Dundas Oktoberfest, downtown Dundas!

Sun. Sept. 22, 9:30 am: Kids' Club Begins! (Formally known as Sunday School;-)

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

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