

Human Relations Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
January 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



"...what concern...?"

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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

arr. Mark Hayes

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by William M. Runyan

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee UMH #89

All

Opening Prayer

God, our God, As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today.

But what happens when the wine of our lives and souls has run out?

Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit.

When we fill empty, fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is now gone; it is stale; it is old. What do we do?

Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness.

Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Based on a writing by Bryan K. Fleet, in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 200), 124.

**Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment**

THE WORD

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36: 5-10

John 2:1-11

These are the Words of God For the People of God. Thanks be to God.

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing (UMH #519)* *All*

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.

Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out.

Lord, crown us with your love.

Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

Written by Erik Alsgaard

Offering *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Simeon Marsh arr. Carol Tornquist*
Luann Alderks

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

And the Prayer Christ gives 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 *We Are the Church UMC #558* *All*

SENDING

Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love. Do not be silent about God's faithful love, but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest. And may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good. May you feel so loved in Christ, that even a stranger will see 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.**

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

Postlude *"The Lily of the Valley" Tune: SALVATIONIST arr. Mark Hayes*
Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events: ...so far

Tues. Jan. 21, 8:30 am Breakfast Club, L&M

Tues. Jan. 21, Finance Committee

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Wed. Jan 22, 9-10:30 am Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee

Fri. Jan 24, 5:30pm: Youth group and confirmation

Sat. Jan 25, 9:00am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Wed. Feb 5, 5:30 pm New Member Meeting with soup

Sat. Feb 8, 4:30 pm Valentine's gathering with family and friends, with Jazz music

Fri. April 11, 3-8:00 pm Fish Dinner

Website



Online giving



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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