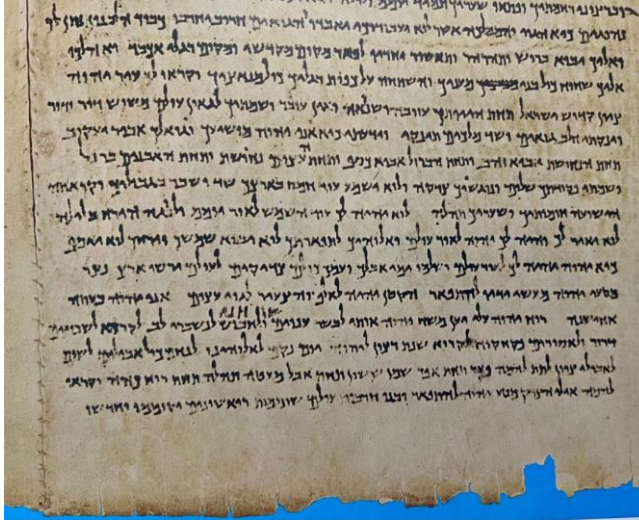


**Third Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**January 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**



**“Rolling Out Good News” (The Great Isaiah Scroll)**

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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**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing- arr. Matthew Weston*

*Marcia Yernberg*

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Centering Time**

## **Call to Worship**

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

## **Hymn of Praise**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH #57*

*All*

## **Opening Prayer**

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people.

**We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call.**

You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved.

**We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Written by Ruth C. Duck*

## **Sharing the Peace**

### **Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

### **Psalm 19**

### **Luke 4:14-21**

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

## **Message**

*"Rolling Out Good News"*

*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**

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. **Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see.**

We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another.

**May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love.**

Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world.

**Be with those who are suffering or mourning. Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God.**

**Amen.** *(Richard Rohr)*

**Offering**      *How Great Thou Art - arr. Lorie Line*  
*Yernberg*

*Marcia*

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

*All*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind.

**Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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**

*Christ for the World We Sing UMH #568*

*All*

**SENDING**

May the Holy Spirit bless you with inspiration to recognize and pay attention to all the ways the Word of God springs to life around you in the familiar rhythms and customs of your day, so that you may find and bring God's love, peace, and hope wherever you go. May 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**

*One Bread, One Body - arr. by Curt Oliver*

*Marcia Yernberg*

**INFORMATION**

**Upcoming events**

**Tues. Jan. 28, 8:30 am** Breakfast Club, L&M

**Tues. Jan. 28, 11am** Celebration of the life of Royce Code, visitation 10am

**Wed. Jan 29, 9-10:30 am** Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee

**Sat. Feb 1, 9:00am** Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

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

**Sat. Feb 8, 5 pm** Valentine's gathering with family and friends, with Jazz music

**Tues. Feb 11, 1pm** Finance committee meeting

**Tues Feb 18, 1pm** Admin board meeting

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

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**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

