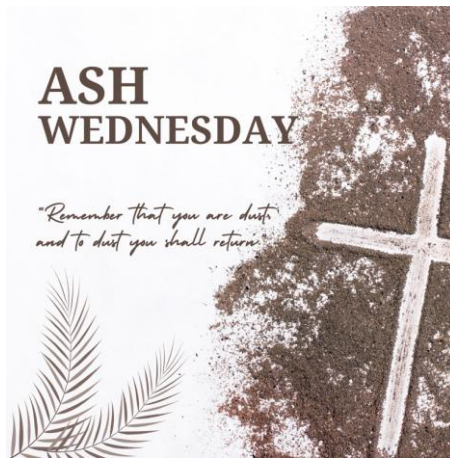


Little Prairie United Methodist Church
March 5, 2025, 7:00 pm



Reflect and Renew

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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

Peter Webb

Welcome

Jef Olson

Call to Worship

We come, aware of our sin, of all the ways we miss the mark. God welcomes you with compassion.

We come, longing for restoration, to be made new.

God surrounds you with grace and forgiveness, reconciling you to God and one another.

We come, thirsting for reconciliation, to draw close to God and one another.

God embraces you with love, reuniting us with God and one another.

Sustain in us, O God, a willing spirit to return to the joy of our salvation as we journey together through the season of Lent. Let us come to reflect and renew.

Hymn

Gather Us In TFWS # 2236

All

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors.

Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Psalm 51:1-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

Message

Reflect and Renew

Jef Olson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes TFWS #2138*

All

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,

so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that too often we make choices about what we should and should not do based on what others will think of us. We seek the validation of family, friends, and even strangers instead of resting in our sacred worth and identity in you. And

so, we travel the path of least resistance when we know that path does not align with yours.

Forgive us, God, when we perform for one another instead of living with integrity in you.

Merciful God, we confess that we place too much value on money, prestige, and influence. We live in a society that tells us we need more and more and more in order to live secure and satisfied lives, and we choose to live according to this lie to the detriment of ourselves and our neighbors.

Forgive us, God, when we treasure wealth, status, possessions, and power over and above contrition, humility, generosity, and mutuality.

Merciful God, we confess that we do not love you rightly. While we may love you with part of our lives, we do not love you as God with our whole lives. We resist your call to surrender our lives into your hands and to trust that you will care for us as individuals and as a community better than we could ever do on our own.

Forgive us, God, when we point our hearts toward selfish gain instead of the lasting worth of life with you.

Offer prayers of silent confession.

Repent and believe, for God's grace empowers us live in the humility of the beautiful and freeing truth of the love of God. As Lent begins, know that God understands how we struggle to stay open and compassionate. The invitation is not to focus on our inadequacies but on God's gift of grace and love which transforms our hearts and minds.

That gift is given to us again, here and now. Be encouraged. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Offering and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, who meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward wholeness, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our hearts, seeking renewal and transformation. During this sacred Lenten journey, cleanse us from all that separates us from you and restore the joy of your salvation within us.

May these offerings bring hope and healing to others, just as you continually renew us with your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Grace Alone TFWS #2162

All

Postlude

Peter Webb

SENDING

Created from dust, held together by God's extravagant love, we turn away from sin, and leave today embracing God's love. Amen. Shalom.

INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat. Mar 8, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Tues. Mar. 11, 1:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wed. March 12, 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Suppers begin!

Thurs. Mar. 13, 12:30pm Admin Board Meeting

Fri. March 14, 5:30-8:00 pm Confirmation and Youth Group

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

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

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

