

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025, 9:30 am



“Silenced by Awe or Fear?”

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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

A Picture of You

Kim Whiting

Welcome/Announcements

Jef Olson

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

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

Hymn

Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
[sung to the tune: *Gift of Love*]

UMH #258

UMH #408

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Opening Prayer

You are the pre-dawn glow; you are the still dusk;

You are the prophecy; you are the law.

You are the mountain where the presence of God blazes and burns; you are the valley where the face of God peeks out from suffering eyes.

You are the glory that we long for, the whispered rumor of a different order, the Shining One who transfigures all things.

You are the One we worship. Amen.

Adapted from The One We Worship – Sacredise

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Praise Ye the Lord

Kim Whiting

THE WORD

Psalm 99.1-5, 9

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Solo/Duet
[congregation sings first three verses #378]

Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

Even as we lift up to you, O Lord, the universal and particular needs of our world and our spheres of relationship, we possess the same awe and fear as the first disciples experienced on the mountain with Jesus. Tempted to stay safe in our personal faith, we at the same time understand you bless us, not for ourselves alone, but that we might offer others healing, mercy, forgiveness, compassion, hope, and peace.

Let us feel the power of your transforming love flooding over us, Lord, coursing through our veins, encompassing our spirits!

Prepare us to bring your divine blessing to others, **in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

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Holy Communion

[Please bring your offering forward as you come to receive the elements.]

Lord's Table

May the God of all be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

[Jef will extemporize the Great Thanksgiving narrative]

Communion Prayer

And the prayer which 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Song

How Beautiful

Kim Whiting

Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus TFWS #2129

All

SENDING

Dismissal with Blessing

Mountaintop experiences are wonderful. There is so much to see, but you are called now to go to the valley where there is much to be done. You are not alone; God goes with you, bringing healing, hope and peace. Go now in God's peace and let it flood through you to others. **Amen.**

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

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Postlude:

Spirit Song UMH #347

Kim Whiting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed. March 5, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Fri. March 7, 5:30-8:00 pm Confirmation and Youth Group

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!

Tues Mar. 18, 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting

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