

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025, 9:30 am
Little Prairie United Methodist Church



“Fragrance of Love”

Little Prairie United Methodist Church
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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 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee" by Adoniram J. Gordon arr. Mark Hayes*
Luann Alderks

Welcome/Announcements *Pastor Penny Bonsell*
Centering Time

Call to Worship:

Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

What's that in the air?

Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.

She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship.

The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.

The fragrance of their worship fills the air.

Today, let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.

Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.

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God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

Kwasi Kena, The Africana Worship Book for Year C (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 66.

Hymn: *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* UMH # 175 *All*

Opening Prayer:

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with lavish welcome.

You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life –we pour out our praise to you.

Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume and fill our hearts with your compassion,

Not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

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**Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment**

THE WORD

Psalm 126

John 12:1-8

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

Message: *"Fragrance of Love"* *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* UMH # 189 *All*

Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

Dear Holy One, help us be gathered up in Jesus and to pour ourselves out for him. Make of ourselves an offering that is pleasing to both You and to those around us.

Help us make the world a better place, a more beautiful and sweet-smelling place because we live a life of praise and service.

Guide us to examine the impact we have on the world by making it a better place because of how we live in community.

May we enhance relationships and encourage others because of our fundamental belief in the image of God inherent in every created being.

Let our lives be of praise and witness to Your glory.

May Your love bring a sweet fragrance into all that we do. Amen.

Offering: *"O, How I Love Jesus" Traditional American Melody arr. Mark Hayes*

Luann Alderks

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

Holy Communion

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!

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

"The Wonderful Cross" by Isaac Watts & Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, and Jesse Reeves arr. Carol Tornquist including the choir singing "He Looked Beyond My Fault" by Dottie Rambo adapted from "Londonderry Aire"

Hymn: *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UMH # 453

All

SENDING

May you go out from this place in the blessing of God, who turns your weeping into laughter and your laughter into joy that plants seeds of restoration, justice, and abundance for all of God's creation. May the love of Christ be in your heart so that fragrance of love reaches others. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Charles Wesley & Carl G. Glaser with "Sing to the King" by Billy Foote arr. Carol Tornquist* Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

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

Tues. April 8, 3:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

Tues, April 8, 7:00pm Choir practice in the sanctuary

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

Wed. April 9, 5:30 pm *Last* Lenten Soup Supper

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

Sat. April 12, 9-11:00 am Soul Sisters (See Theresa for details)

Sun. April 13, 9:30 am Palm Sunday

Tues. April 15, 1pm Admin board meeting

Thurs. April 17, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Fri. April 18, 7:00 pm Good Friday

Sat. April 20, Easter Sunday

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

***Sunday School age children/parents please grab your Fun Pages Pack which will be available at the back of the church (near the greeters) or on the front middle pew.**

If you are ages 4-7, please take a canvas bag; if you are ages 8-10, please take an expandable file folder. Have fun!!