

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
May 25, 2025, 9:30 am



Tree of Life

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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

*"America, the Beautiful" Tune: MATERNA by Samuel A. Ward
arr. Mark Hayes*
Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

*"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" by Beradette Farrell
arr. Mark Hayes*
Luann Alderks

Call to Worship

In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...

Let there be light!

In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us. saying...

Let there be light!

In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...

Let there be light!

by Sally Johnson

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River *UMH #723*

All

Opening Prayer

God of the stars and galaxies, God of the seed and Earth, we thank you

that you continue to come to us, to amaze us, to laugh with us, to cry with us,

to comfort us, and to show us that your love shines through us and your creation,

bringing light to a darkened world. May this beauty and peace be reflected in this sacred circle. In the name of the Christ-presence, we pray. Amen.

by Sally Johnson

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:22-22:5

John 14:23-29

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations *UMH# 428*

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Empowering Spirit, God of our mothers and fathers, Creator and Redeemer of all life,
We pray to you for your love-grounded peace.

We ask you to open our minds, free our hearts, bless our bodies, and grace all our relationships.

We ask this of you because you have promised to help us, just as you illumine in
Revelation's prophetic vision.

**You come to make a good world, a new creation-place where we can enjoy health,
decency, safety, and even joy. We pray to you, O God, to inspire us into this daringly
just world.**

We pray for a new creation where love is greater than jewels and more luminous than the
sun or moon.

**Let that love be shared around the tree of life. Bless us again in your image and free
our frightened souls.**

So, shall we gather at the river?

Shall we soak in the river of many healings?

Shall we make every place where nature communes with humanity a temple for your
creation?

**Yes, O God, we shall gather at your river and your tree of life. We shall bless the
tree and the river and all living things. We pray in the name of Jesus, in the way of
love-grounded peace. Amen**

by Rev. Cooper Wiggin

Offering

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Helen H Lemmel arr. Martha Mier
Luann Alderks*

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC #95) All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all gifts, of all bounty, of every tree and plant and every fruit and vegetable,
Everything we have comes from you. We give you thanks for this abundance.

**We pray that what we give might be used as a balm to heal the nations,
to restore your love-grounded peace among all creation. 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 have 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* *UMH # 206*

All

SENDING

Peace...peace I leave with you. Peace...peace I offer you.

Peace...as we walk into the world to be the presence of the Holy to all we meet.

Peace. May the Christ in you be fully present. May a stranger 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.

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

Postlude *"The Light of the World Is Jesus" Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD by Philip P. Bliss arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

INFORMATION

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

Website



Online giving



***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!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. June 1 New Member Sunday will be rescheduled

Sun. June 8, 9:30 am Graduation and Confirmation Sunday

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Fridays, 2nd and 4th 5:30-8:00 pm: Youth Group and Confirmation

Music on the Prairie Wednesdays, 6-8 pm June, 18, July 16, August 20,

beginning with The Old Country Boys in June. Food available

Mon-Thurs., July 28-31, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS- Smore Jesus!

Each evening we will have dinner, fun camping themed activities, with the campfire and s'mores.

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