

Cowboy Church
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 14, 2025, 9:30 am



“Rejoice...I have found the lost sheep”

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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 *“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”*

Joe and Anne Heinz

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We gather here today

To worship you, O God

When we are lost

And when we are found

May we see and acknowledge our losses

And may we find and embrace your Love along the way.

Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *UMH #400*

All

Opening Prayer

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus

Christ. (RUTH DUCK, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 100

1 Timothy 15:1-10

Luke 15:1-10

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *UMH # 381*

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh.

Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself.

Remove from our minds hatred, prejudice, and contempt

for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed, that, departing from everything that estranges and divides, we may by you be brought into unity of spirit, in the bond of peace. Amen. (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, 20TH CENT., ALT.)

Offering

"I saw the light"

Joe and Anne Heinz

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today.

We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life. Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine. Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world. Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

May we respect the life of all you have made.

May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen. (SUE ELLEN HERNE, MOHAWK, 20TH CENT., ALT.)

We ask it through Christ Jesus, who revealed your will to us and who taught us to pray to You as one humanitarian family, saying...

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

Amazing Grace UMH # 378

All

SENDING

May you continue to know you are found and embraced in the love of a loving God through Christ Jesus. 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. **Amen. God Bless! Go in love, joy, hope and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

Joe and Anne Heinz

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: Logan Crosby



Website



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

Tues. Sept. 16, 1pm Admin Committee meeting

Thurs, Sept. 18, 5:30-8pm: **First meeting of the fall bible book group** (FBBG).

Soup supper and birthday cake with class to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Book: The Beatitudes for Today, Author: James C. Howell. Available on Amazon and other online sites

Saturday, Sept. 20, 12-6:30pm **Dundas Oktoberfest** Family Friendly Community Event

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

