

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025, 9:30 am

Little Prairie United Methodist Church



New Heavens and a New Earth

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

Serenade of the Doll by Claude Debussy

Peter Webb

Welcome/Announcements
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship:

Hymn of Praise: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* *UMH #427* *All*

Opening Prayer:

God, who labored creation into being, we give thanks for this day and the privilege to work in your world.

We pray this day for those for whom this Lord's Day is not a day of rest but of toil.

We pray this day for those who cannot afford to take Sabbath and for those who believe they cannot afford to take Sabbath.

Grant us the strength to labor for what is right, just, and fair.

Grant us the wisdom to speak out for those who are enslaved, oppressed, and exploited.

Grant us the ability to break the chains of injustice and hear the voices of people long silenced. We pray this day for the privilege to work in your world; may we make it better. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year C (pp. 631-632). (Function). Kindle Edition.

Sharing the Peace

Sisters and brothers, we are part of the new heaven and new earth. In God's love, we can reach across the differences that divide us. Greet one another in this spirit of reconciliation and peace.

Joanne Carlson Brown, "Worship Elements: November 13, 2022," Ministry Matters,

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

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

Message:

New Heavens and a New Earth

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH # 383

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

God of new beginnings (*Isa. 65:19-25*) You have promised us a season in which weeping will no longer be heard, nor cries of distress.

Yet we live in a season filled with weeping and distress.

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who weep with grief: for those who mourn the death of loved ones; the loss of employment; the pain of transition.

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who cry out in distress: for the rumblings of hungry bellies; the lament of the addict; the pleas of the homeless.

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who labor in vain: for those enslaved in fields, factories, and mines; for those whose work cripples their bodies and their spirits; for those who toil without recognition, wage, or honor.

You have promised us a season of blessing. You have promised us a season of peace. We pray for the coming of that holy time throughout your beloved creation, for the sake of your beloved Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year C (pp. 632-633).

Offering:

The little Shepherd by Claude Debussy

Peter Webb

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, Isa. 65:17, 25 we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace.

May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up; In Jesus' name. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year C (pp. 633-634).

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.

Hymn:

Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS # 2190

All

SENDING

Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. 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. **Amen. God Bless! Go in hope, peace, joy, and love. Shalom. Amen.**

Based on Joanne Carlson Brown, "Worship Elements: November 13, 2022," Ministry Matters

Postlude:

Bryèrès by Claude Debussy

Peter Webb

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

Things to add

Today Church/Charge Conference directly following worship

Sun Dec 14 9:30 am Christmas Pageant

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

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