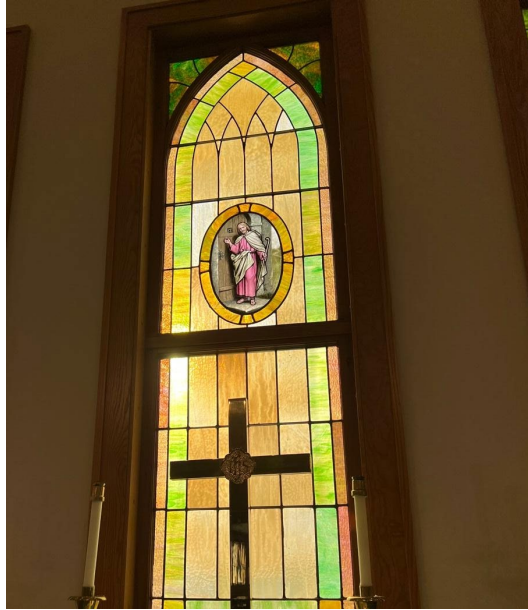


Second Sunday of Easter

Little Prairie United Methodist Church



When Fear Locks the Door Jesus Shows up Anyway

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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

Debbie Richman

Welcome

Theresa Siemers, Certified Lay Minister

Centering Time

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus breathed on them and gave the Holy Spirit.

Imagine Jesus breathing on you, and take a big inhale.

Breathe in peace.

Breathe out fear.

Breathe in God's presence with you.

Breathe out worry.

Breathe in, breathe out.

Call to Worship The Risen Breath

May the peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Just as the Father sent Jesus, He is sending us.

Let us receive the Holy Spirit!

As we worship our Loving God, breath in His grace, feel his presence. Let the Holy Spirit reside in your heart.

Lord, come now and fill us with your abundant love and grace.

Hymn: *Breathe on Me Breath of God (UMH #420)*

All

Opening Prayer:

Risen Lord, you came to your disciples behind locked doors,

And you bring that same peace to us today.

Jesus said: "Peace be with you."

Lord, let your peace calm our fears.

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Lord, strengthen us for your mission.

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Lord, breathe your life into our lives.

"If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."

Lord, make us ambassadors of your grace.

We gather in your presence to hear your Word.

Risen Christ, fill us with your Spirit, that we may share your peace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20: 19-31

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

Message *When Fear Locks the Door Jesus Shows up Anyway* Thereasa Siemers, CLM

Hymn: *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place* (UMH #328) **All**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concern/Prayers of the People

Most Holy God, We are a people who need you in your fullness

— as Creative Father, Redeeming Son, and Sustaining Spirit.

Our lives have complications and pain, our world has war and despair.

But we were made in your image, and your Spirit was breathed into us
that we might experience hope in your goodness.

There are situations that make it hard to be aware of that goodness.

We pray now for those whose lives are affected by the negativity in these circumstances:

For senseless attacks kill and injure innocent people around the world . . . *(brief silence)*

When storms and hurricanes are so strong they destroy even the homes designed to
withstand them . . . *(brief silence)*

When political battles bring out pettiness over issues too important for bickering . .
. *(brief silence)*

When our hearts ache, hurt by broken relationships and unmet expectations . . .
(brief silence)

When we are exhausted emotionally from illnesses in ourselves or those we love . .
. *(brief silence)*

When we are overwhelmed by loneliness and isolation even though you are always with
us . . . *(brief silence)*

Gracious and Merciful Lord, our church is working to hear the words of your Spirit.

Our desire is to learn what and who you are calling us to be in your world.

We call out to you that we might have the courage

to give to you whatever burdens we entered with today

so that our (eyes), hearts and minds can be open to you, to your Word, and to your Spirit

(2004, Andrea Murdock.)

Offering

Debbie Richman

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts, we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. **Amen.** (*John 20:19-31*)

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

Because He Lives (UMH #364)

All

SENDING

Lord, we ask you to give us your peace, calm our fears, and strengthen our mission that we might know that no matter the circumstance, we are never alone. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit. We breathe out any leftover fear or anxiety and breathe in your precious presence. May we go forth knowing we are loved.

Go in hope, peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Debbie Richman

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Karen Matthies



Website



Online Giving

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

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

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

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sat. May 2, 10 am -12, noon Tea on the Prairie

Wed. June 10, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Old Country Boys (Food available at 5:30)

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