26th Sunday After Pentecost Little Prairie United Methodist Church November 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



"Hope Without Wavering"
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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 "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" by Billy James Foote with "And Can It Be?" by Thomas Campbell arr. by Tom Fettke Luann Alderks

Welcome Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation UMH #529 All

Opening Prayer:

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. Sometimes we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. Sometimes there are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and sometimes we lose hope.

So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. Let us be in the world as people made new by God. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

Children's Moment

Kids' Club (Formerly known as Sunday School;-)

All kids are invited to come downstairs for a time of fun and adventure. This week's leaders are Rebecca Stoufis and Christina Keilen.

THE WORD

Hebrews 10:19-24 Mark 13:1-8

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

Message "Hope Without Wavering" Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496 All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

When the skies grow dark, and buildings fall, then hear us:

have mercy on us, Lord.

When deceivers come, and the nations rise in anger, then hear us:

have mercy on us, Lord.

When famines begin,

and when the earth shakes to bring the future to birth, then hear us:

have mercy on us, Lord.

When we take our stand to witness to your truth,

when our people are arrested and betrayed, then hear us:

have mercy on us, Lord.

When the sun is darkened, and the moon fails to give us light,

and when the stars fall from the sky, then hear us:

have mercy on us, Lord.

When you come in your great power and glory with your angels from heaven:

Then, Lord, gather us from the four winds—from the ends of the earth, to be with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee
arr. Martha Mier Luann Alderks

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, whose wisdom surpasses all understanding, we offer these gifts as a token of our faith and devotion. In a world full of uncertainties, may these offerings be used to spread your hope and love.

Teach us to listen to your voice amid the noise in the world and to trust in your steadfast presence. Bless our giving, that it may build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

And the Prayer in which Christ 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 Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH#140

All

SENDING

May the Spirit that leads through fire and flood, the Spirit that baptizes with power the Spirit of expectation and *hope*, lead, strengthen, and guide you this week and always. God sends you, the Spirit fills you. Christ of goes with you and you with the Christ of always and everywhere. **Amen. Go in hope, peace, joy and love! Shalom.**

Postlude "Cornerstone" by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero & Edward Mote arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events

Tues. Nov. 19, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. Nov. 20, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee

Wed. Nov. 20, 5:30-7:00 pm: Soup Supper and Book study, The Book of Forgiving,

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for schedule and details)

Fri. Nov. 22, 5:30-8:00 pm: Confirmation and Youth Group

Sat., Nov. 23, 4-8 pm: Fall Ham Dinner CAC fund-raiser!

Sun. Nov. 24, 10:30am: All Church Charge Conference

Mon. Nov. 25, 7:00pm: Choir practice - all are welcome!

Sun. Dec. 1, Advent begins Hanging of the Greens Service

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Sat. Dec. 7, 11-5 pm: Little Prairie ringing for Salvation Army at Cub Foods

Fri. Dec.13, 5:30-8:00 pm: Confirmation and Youth Group

Sat. Dec. 14, 2:00 pm Soul Sister's Christmas Tea

Sat. Dec 14, 10-12:00 pm: Christmas Program practice

Sun. Dec.15, Children/Youth Christmas Program

Sat. Dec. 21, 9-12, Christmas Bake Sale

Tues. Dec. 24, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

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