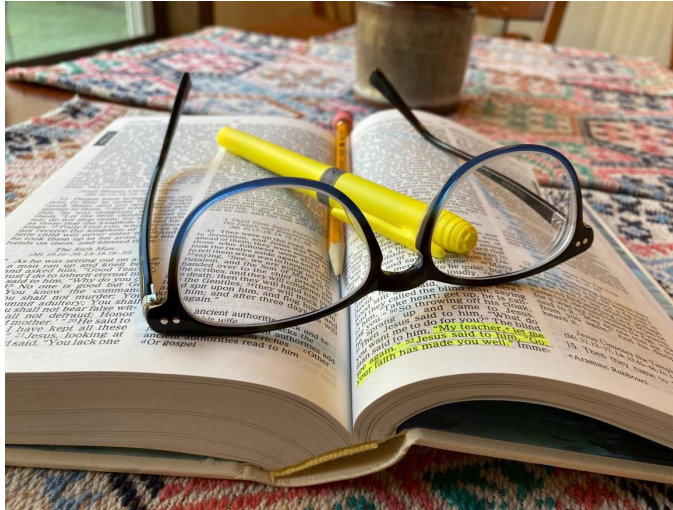


**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**October 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



***“How is your eyesight? Learning to SEE differently”***

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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**      *"Open Our Eyes" by Robert Cull with "Be Thou My Vision"*  
*Traditional Irish Melody arr. Mark Hayes*      *Luann Alderks*

**Welcome**      *Theresa Siemers, Certified Lay Minister*

**Centering Time**

## **Call to Worship**

Loving God, we call out to you this day to heal our blindness, far-sightedness, and tunnel vision. We confess that sometimes, we lose sight of you and those around us and get caught up in spiritual blindness.

### **Adjust our vision to see ourselves and others as you would see us.**

When our eyes are closed, please help us to take a moment to be still and listen to your voice calling us. When we open our eyes, let us see glimpses of you in ourselves, others, and the world in which we live.

### **Adjust our vision to see goodness and glory in everyone we meet.**

When we see hardships, hurts, and injustices, it is sometimes easier to turn our eyes away, but Lord, we ask you to help us to turn our eyes upon Jesus and not see through one another.

### **Adjust our vision to see one another as Jesus sees us.**

Lord, you show us your goodness every day in so many ways. Help us recognize these gifts, and may we always give you glory for the gift of sight!

### **Adjust our vision to see you in others and the world in which we live.**

**Hymn:** UMH #89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

## **Opening Prayer:**

**Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness.**

**Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. As your word is proclaimed this day, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. A-men!**

(Ministrymatters, Nancy C. Townley)

**Sharing the Peace:** Let us greet one another with signs of peace and thanksgiving, saying, "Thank you for being the presence of God today."

## **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 Mel and [Ruthi Henrichs](#).

## **THE WORD**

**Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)**

**Mark 10:46-52**

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

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH#454*

*All*

**Joys and Concerns and 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



**Postlude** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

## **INFORMATION**

### **Upcoming Events**

Tues. October 29, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

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

Wed. October 30, 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)

Sat., Nov. 23, 4-8 pm: Fall Ham Dinner

See our website for more details at [www.littleprairieumc.org](http://www.littleprairieumc.org).

### **QR codes**

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

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