

21st Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
October 13, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“Threading the Needles of Life”

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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

"Be the Centre" by Michael Frye arr. Carol Tornquist

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, "Come, follow me!" But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God's help.

We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God's help.

We gather to live into God's economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God's abundance, and we can with God's help.

We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God's abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

With God's help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.

Hymn:

Lord, Speak to Me UMH # 463

All

Opening Prayer:

God of infinite patience and wisdom, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort.

Just like the young man in the scriptures, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope.

You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. We look at the world in which there is so very much warfare and strife, anger and hatred, and we easily become overwhelmed by the needs and the stresses.

Help us to place our lives and our trust in you, knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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. Leading today's session are Mary Jo and Jef Olson.

THE WORD

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Mark 10:17-31

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

Message

"Threading the Needles of Life"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Lord I Want to Be a Christian UMH # 402

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Offering

"Purify My Heart" by Jeff Nelson arr. Jeff Nelson

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love.

May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. 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 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH # 399

All

SENDING

May God bless you with courage to turn from the riches the world values, trust to choose God's economy over the world's economy, and opportunities to discover God's abundant Love over and over and over again. Amen. God of Love sends you, the Spirit of Love fills you. Christ of Love goes with you and you with the Christ of Love always and everywhere. **Amen.**

Go in love, peace and joy! Shalom.

Postlude *"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" by Bob Hudson*

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

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: Tom Hollenhorst

Upcoming Events

Apple picking today 2pm @ Nelson's Apple Farm

Tues. October 15, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. October 16, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Thurs. October 17, 7:00 pm: Finance Team Meeting

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

Fri. October 25, 5:30-7 pm, Little Prairie at Dundas Trunk-O-Treat

Sat. October 26, 5-6 pm Little Prairie Trunk-O Treat Bring donations for our local food shelves

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

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

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