

World Communion Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
October 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



A Place at the Table

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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

*"The Power of Your Love" by Geoff Bullock arr. Carol Tornquist
Luann Alderks*

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Peacemaking God, we pray for the peace of our world. A day does not go by when somewhere in the world Christians gather to eat, pray, serve, and worship you as a community.

Whether it's around an altar or a kitchen table, your people gather as one Body in Christ.

And yet, we know for many, those gatherings happen amidst war, famine, weather crises, political unrest, and communal fracturing.

And so, we lift our siblings around the world, our communities, and all of creation to you, and we cry out for your peace to reign among us.

Hymn of Praise

I Come With Joy UMH # 617

All

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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 Ruthi and Mel Henrichs. Next week's leaders are Mary Jo and Jef Olson.

THE WORD

Psalm 26

Mark 10:2-16

Luke 14:12-14

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

Message

"A Place at the Table"

A Place at the Table W&S # 3149

Pastor Penny Bonsell

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

One Bread One Body UMH # 620

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Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

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Loving God, we pray for the well-being of your creation. The lands are parched or flooded, the air is thick with imbalance, the waters are warming and rising. We have neglected our role as stewards of creation, and we feel powerless to make a difference. And so, we lift the earth to you, and we cry out for your love to inspire and empower us to tend your creation, our home. Amen.

Offering

"Jesus Loves Me" by William B. Bradbury arr. Martha Mier

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

Holy Communion

"Eat This Bread" by Jacques Bethier arr. by Jeanne Cotter

Luann Alderks

Lord's Table

May the God of all be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Communion Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn

Become to Us the Living Bread UMH # 630

All

SENDING

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, Go in the confidence of people who have found mercy through him, keeping the commandments and letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world. May God come close to you and keep you safe; may Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ always and everywhere. **God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude

"Jesus Loves Even Me" by Philip P. Bliss 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

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

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

Wed. Oct. 9, 5:30 pm: Soup and Book study

Fri. Oct. 11, 5:30-8:00 pm: Youth Group and Confirmation begins

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

Sun. Oct 13, 2:00 pm: Apple Picking at Nelson's Farm

Mon. Oct. 21, 7:00 pm: Admin Council meeting

Wed. Oct. 23, 6:30pm: Pumpkin painting

Fri. Oct. 25, 6-7 pm: Little Prairie Youth at Dundas Trunk-O-Treating

Sat. Oct. 26, 5-6:30 pm: Trunk-O-Treating at Little Prairie UMC

Sat. November 23: Fall Ham Dinner

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

Website



Online Giving

