

Third Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
April 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“Syzygy- When Things Line Up”

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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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" by Conrad Kocher arr. J.B.Taylor
Luann Alderks

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

In the beginning, at creation, the spirit hovered over the waters of the deep. *Gen. 1:1-2*

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind. *Gen. 7:7*

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

Exod. 14:21

The voice of God in a great storm is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters. *Psalms 29:3*

God knit each of us uniquely in our mother's womb. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. *Psalms 139:13-14*

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb. *Luke 1:42*

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water. *John 13:5*

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ. *John 4:29*

Hymn of Praise

Morning Has Broken UMH #145

All

Opening Prayer

God of Hope, we see your love poured out for us in all the world.

Make us more like you.

Teach us to live together as one community in love,

Human and all creation,

Created to your glory,

So your love is known among all the living, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Baptism of Brooklyn Maria Pedersen

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me UMH #191

All

THE WORD

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee UMH #175

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

God, Creator, Holy One, you drowned evil in the waters of the flood and promised a covenant of faithfulness in the rainbow in the sky.

In baptism you caused us to die to sin and raised us to new life in Christ.

Trusting your promise for earth and all people, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for healing in our country. We pray for those who are suffering all over the world.

We pray for your church with its kaleidoscopic views of baptism that it may meet the needs of all types of people in the world.

Help us to live in love, peace and unity. Help us see those who are in need. Forgive us when we lose our way.

We pray for our church, our communities, and our local and world governments.

Comfort those who suffer and are mourning.

We give thanks for this beautiful creation we call Planet Earth.

Help us to be the best stewards we can possibly be. We ask this all in the name of Christ. Amen.

Offering

"Oh How He Loves You and Me" by Kurt Kaiser arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 95 *All*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God gives us not only Genesis life but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection. Therefore, with generous hearts let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

Great saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May these gifts join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful UMH #147

All

SENDING

“Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear – because our relation to this world is just like Christ’s. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear.” (1 John 4:17-18) May you feel so loved in Christ, that even a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **Amen.**

God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Speaker 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 Chair: Larry Alderks, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe,
Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

Website



Online giving



Upcoming Events

Mon. April 15, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Monday)

Mon. April 15, 7 pm: Admin Council Meeting

Wed. April 17, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Fri. April 19, Youth Group 5:30-8pm starting with dinner

Sat. April 20, 9:00 am: Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Sat. April 20, 6 pm Spaghetti Dinner, Concert 7pm-29:11 International Exchange music group from South Africa

Sun-Thurs., July 28- Aug 1, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm VBS Theater Camp *Hollywood*

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