

Call to Worship

God of abundance, we are thankful for the beauty all around us.

Weave us together in a life full of goodness and joy.

Help us trust to move in harmony with one another with the Spirit of all Creation.

Let us travel on your path toward release, and breath in your presence.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Trust and Obey UMH #467

All

Opening Prayer

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ! God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection. God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials. For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

Yet, too often, we put other things above you (Ps. 16: 4) and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death.

Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy and love. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

John 20:19-31

Message

"Doubting Thomas Gets a Bad Rap!"

Theresa Siemers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH#420

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Resurrecting God, in a doubting world, keep us in faith that we may have life. We pray for the church universal. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, (John 20: 22) that we may honor and pass on the great inheritance we have received. (1 Pet. 1: 4)

Keep us in faith that we may have life. (John 20: 31)

We pray for Mother Earth, that we may touch her wounds with healing care and love.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the whole world, its nations, its leaders, and its people, that your wisdom and peace may prevail.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed, the ill, the dying, and all those who care for them. **Keep us in faith that we may have life.**

We pray for ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

Blessed are you, O God, who through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and in the community of the Holy Spirit, gives us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading, (1 Pet. 1: 4) now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by Louisa M.R. Snead & William
J.Kirkpatrick arr. Carol Tornquist*

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the words of the apostle John about the Word of life. Just as your Word brings light and Spirit into our lives, may our giving be an act of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of your grace and love.

We thank you for the forgiveness and grace offered through your Son, Jesus Christ, and as we give, may we also steward these gifts wisely for the betterment of your kingdom. 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206*

All

SENDING

May you breathe in the Holy Spirit as Christ breathes on you. May you catch God's contagious love! May Christ be fully present in you so that a stranger sees in you a friend and neighbor. 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 *"The Power of Your Love" by Geoff Bullock arr. Carol Tornquist*

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Certified Lay Speaker: Theresa Siemers,
Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks
Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson,
Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed
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Online giving



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Sat. April 14, 9:00 am: Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Mon. April 15, 7 pm: Admin Council

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

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.