



### **Call to Worship**

We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

**We believe. Help our unbelief.**

We know that God has saved us in the past, tending and helping us along the way.

**We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.**

We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

**We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.**

God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

**We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save. Amen.**

**Hymn:**                    *The Church's One Foundation UMH #545*                    *All*

### **Opening Prayer:**

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, sowing and sprouting us into new life in you.

**In you dear God, we grow out of destruction, difficulty and despair. In you, we are watered with nurturing hope, love and peace.**

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you offer to all people.**

**Rooted in you, may we offer our branches as shelter for others. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**  
**Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Psalm 20**  
**Mark 4:26-34**

**Message**    *"Planting Seeds"*    *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

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

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**      *Hymn of Promise UMH # 707*

*All*

### **Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People**

Dear God,

Help us to sprout, grow, and live in love, peace and unity. Forgive us when we lose our way. We pray for our church, our communities, and our local, regional and world leaders.

**We pray they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting your will for peace and unity.**

Comfort those who suffer and are mourning.

**Hold and protect those who are victims of war. Surround those who are advocates for peace.**

Soften the hearts of aggressors and fill their hearts with compassion.

**We are grateful for this beautiful creation, Earth, our home, full of life. Help us to be good stewards. We ask this all in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Offering**      *“Faith” by Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts and reflect on your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. **Help us to be instruments of your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in 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**      *Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS #2190*

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## **SENDING**

May the seeds of faith and love grow in you. May the dance of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless you and surround you this day and every day, sustaining you into a life of love and empowering you to witness to God’s redeeming work as we build the Kingdom, the Kin-dom of God wherever we go. Amen.

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

**Postlude**        *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by James Ellor 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 Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

### **Little Prairie UMC Summer Events**

Mon. June 17, 7:00 pm: Admin Council

Tues. June 18, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Fri. June 21, 5:30 pm Youth Group at Theresa’s house

Sat. June 22, 9:00-11:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for schedule and details)

Wed. July 3, 9:00-10:30 am Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop resumes

Thurs. July 4, 12:00-noon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at the School House if rain, inside church

Tues. July 9, 6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study begins

*Come for a light supper and study*

Wed. July 10, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm Wednesdays on the Prairie begin!

*We will grill food, play games and offer family craft/activity devotions. All ages welcome!*

Thurs. July 11, 7:00 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Fri. July 12, 5:30 pm Youth Group

Sun-Thurs., July 28- Aug 1, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS Theater Camp Little Prairie’s

*“Holy”wood Productions.* Children and youth will be invited to create, direct, act, sing, and build the set and stage to tell Bible stories. We are hoping to create a short movie of our adventure.

**Website**



**Online giving**

