

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Little Prairie United Methodist Church  
June 30, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



*“How United Are We After All?”*

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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**

*"Here I Am to Worship" by Tim Hughes arr. Mark Hayes  
Luann Alderks*

**Welcome  
Centering Time**

*Rev. Mel Henrichs*

### **Call to Worship**

Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us, and we bask in the goodness of God's provision, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart and your hands.**

When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses, and we carry the weight and worry of a perilous present and unknown future, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart and your hands.**

When we are moved with compassion, our hearts urging us to reach out to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart and your hands.**

Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen! God call us to open our hearts and our hands to one another in need and in abundance.

**May our worship open our hearts and our hands to one another as we learn to share with one another in all seasons, for we are all one in the Body of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn:**                    *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*      *UMH # 427*      *All*

### **Opening Prayer:**

Living and faithful Spirit,  
the God in whom we live and move and have our being,  
**the God who is made known in Christ Jesus,**  
**bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.**

Please remove from our minds and hearts  
whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy.  
**Increase within us that holy longing for closeness**  
**which can open our lives to fuller delight**  
**and to a deeper commitment.**

May our hymns and prayers,  
our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures,  
be an exercise in the holiest love making.  
**By you, with you and for you, may our lives publish your praise.**  
**In the name of Christ Jesus.**  
**Amen!**

**Sharing the Peace  
Children's Moment**

**THE WORD**

**Psalm 130**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-14**

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

**Message**            *"How United Are We After All?"*

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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn**            *This Is My Song*      *UMH #437*

*All*

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

**Offering**        *"Abide With Me" by William H. Monk arr. Tom Fettke*

*Luann Alderks*

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Generous God, we offer our gifts with open hearts, recognizing that our generosity reflects our faith in you and your actions in the world. Just as the Corinthian church desired to give, may our giving be a reflection of the gospel in which we believe. **Help us to share according to what we have, knowing that in the body of Christ, we are bound together in a relationship, offering help and hope to one another. 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**            *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*      *UMH # 474*

*All*

## SENDING

Children of God, may you go from this place carrying the genuineness of your love in your hearts, blessed by Christ who saves you to open your hands and pour out your love in generosity and compassion with and for your neighbors. Amen.

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

**Postlude**      *"Tribute to America" 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

### Website



### Online giving



## Little Prairie UMC Summer Events

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.

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