

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



To Care for...

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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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by William M. Runyan

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Leader: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!

Leader: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

All: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth # 92* *All*

Opening Prayer

Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor—the beauty of the seasons, fragrance of autumn, and the sweet sound of birdsongs.

We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 15

James 1:17-28

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Message

"To Care for..."

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH # 140

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Holy God, at times, we have not led a blameless life. Sometimes we have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.

Sometimes we do not love the way we should.

At times, we have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these. Hear our cry, God of our hope, as we confess that which weighs us down...

Redeeming God, save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom.

Gather us in your righteousness and redemption. Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

When we have lost our way, God came to dwell with us, through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.

Hear the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

Offering

"For the Beauty of the Earth" by Conrad Kocher arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

Holy Communion

*"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" by Bernadette Farrell
arr. Mark Hayes*

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.

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* *UMH # 103* *All*

SENDING

Beloved, may God bless you with the uncommon wisdom to know deep in your hearts the vastness of God's love for you, and in that knowing, may God's love bubble up and overflow from your heart into the world around you. 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 *"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 Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, Youth 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

Upcoming Events

Tues. Sept. 3, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. Sept. 4, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

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

Tues. Sept. 10, 5:30 pm: Oktoberfest planning meeting

Sun. Sept. 15, 9:30 am Cowboy Church, pancake breakfast to follow.

Mon. Sept. 16, 7:00 pm: Admin Council meeting

Sun. Sept. 22, 9:30 am: Kids' Club Begins!

(KCFKASS: Formally known as Sunday School)

Sat. Sept. 21, Noon-6:30 pm: Dundas Oktoberfest, downtown Dundas!

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

Website



Online giving

