

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
February 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Blessed are you

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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
Mark Hayes

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" by Kathleen Thomerson arr.
Luann Alderks*

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”

May we learn to depend on God’s abundant provision instead of the world’s grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”

May we learn to follow Christ’s call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God’s kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God’s comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.”

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

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

Hymn of Praise *A Charge to Keep I Have UMH #413*

All

Opening Prayer

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease.

We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest.

We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment, and jealousy.

Renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love.

Awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation.

Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

Written by Gill Le Fevre.

Sharing the Peace

Children’s Moment

THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

Luke 6: 17-26

These are the Words of God, For the People of God. Thanks be to God.

Message

Blessed are you...

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Lord, I Want to be a Christian UMH #402

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. **Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.**

Written by Kwasi Kena

Offering

*"Come, We That Love the Lord" by Aaron Williams arr. Ted Smith
Luann Alderks*

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary.

Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

And the Prayer Christ gives 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

My Life Is in You, Lord TFWS #2032

All

SENDING

Beloved, go today in the blessing of Christ, who calls you, equips you, and accompanies you as you live out God's justice and joy wherever you go! May a stranger 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 peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Traditional Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes
Luann Adlerks*

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

Tues. February 18, 8:30 am Breakfast Club, L&M

Tues. Feb 18, 1pm Admin board meeting

Wed. February 19, 9-10:30 am Pastor Penny at James Gang

Fri. February 21, 5:30 pm Youth Group and confirmation

Sat. February 22, 9:00 am (see Theresa for details)

Wed. March 5, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Wed. March 12, 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Suppers begin!

Fri. April 11, 3-8:00 pm Fish Dinner

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

Website



Online giving



Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister 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, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

