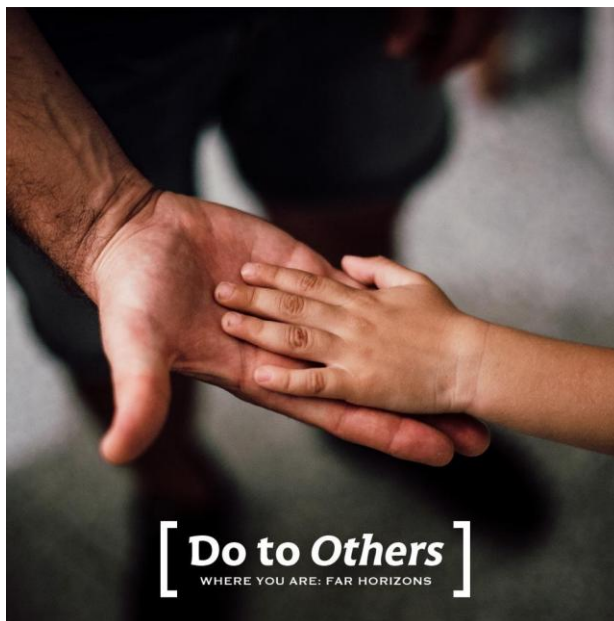


Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
February 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



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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
arr. Mark Hayes

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together" by Bob Gillman
Luann Alderks*

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life UMH #164* *All*

Opening Prayer

Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.

You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us.

We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path.

Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble,

to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace, and peace in this world,

by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Written by Rev. Mindi

Sharing the Peace

Children’s Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Luke 6: 27-38

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

Message

Do To Others

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill TRWS #2213

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Pastoral prayer

God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind. We are so worried that when the reckoning comes, we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick.

And not without reason. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress, seemingly without consequence.

Teach us to love with skill.

Teach us to love with precision.

Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

Written by Todd Yonkman

Offering

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" by Sebastian Temple

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 95

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us.

May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH #549

All

SENDING

Beloved, go from this place ready to *listen*. Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy. Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn. Watch for the person who needs help without any strings attached. For the blessing of the Triune God goes with you, pouring out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet. 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

"Pass It On" by Kurt Kaiser arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

Tues. February 25, 8:30 am Breakfast Club, L&M

Sat. March 1, 9-11:00 am Soul Sisters (See Theresa for details)

Wed. March 5, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Fri. March 7, 5:30-8:00 pm Confirmation and Youth Group

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

