

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 10, 2025, 9:30 am
Old Faithful



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped 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

*"You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jernigan arr. Mark Hayes
Luann Alderks*

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a more loving community.

By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a more loving community.

By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a more loving community.

By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a more loving country and world.

By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

Inspired by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH # 529

All

Opening Prayer

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us herein this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope. Amen.

Written by Katherine Hawker.

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

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

Message

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom* *UMH #508* *All*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that sometimes we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time.

We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Offering *"Be the Centre" by Michael Frye arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC #95)* *All*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love.

Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ's 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 have 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.

SENDING

Children of God, by faith, God has brought us this far. Go now in the blessing of the God who goes before you and behind you, surrounding you on all sides with grace as we journey toward a better country in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond. 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 love, joy, hope and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postude

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Tune: McDaniel 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, 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: Logan Crosby



Website



Online giving

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

August 18 - August 23. Meals on Wheels. Call Lori Larson @ 507-321-8389 if interested.

Wed Aug 20 Music on the Prairie! **Hep Cats**

Sunday Sept. 14, 9:30 am Cowboy Church

Saturday, Sept. 20, 12-6:30pm Dundas Oktoberfest Family Friendly Community Event

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

Welcome new Soundboard technician- Logan Crosby

Church Landscaping for information and bids see Tom Stowe