

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
February 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



What Does the Lord Require of You? (Micah 6:8)

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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 *"Open Our Eyes" by Robert Cull/"Be Thou My Vision" Traditional*
Irish Melody arr. Mark Hayes *Luann Alderks*

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025

Hymn:

Be Thou My Vision (UMH # 451)

All

Opening Prayer:

Oh God, Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer- How do we thank you?

How do we show our gratitude?

Do you want signs and sacrifices? Do you want gold and cattle? Can we turn over our children to you? Would that repay our debt, make everything right? Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness?

Oh God, Our teacher, example, companion—You have shown us what is good, and call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience. Show us, God, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you. Amen.

Written by Dana Cassell, a former BVS volunteer. Posted on the Church of the Brethren website,

<https://www.brethren.org/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/prayer-micah-6-6-8.html>.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment *What Does the Lord Require of You? (TFWS #2174)*

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Message *What Does the Lord Require of You? (Micah 6:8)* *Pastor Penny*
Bonsell
Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill (TFWS # 2213)* *All*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

O God, whose wisdom surpasses our understanding, (Matt. 5:1–12) help us to grow as a people of blessing as we offer our prayers for the church and the world.

We pray for those who mourn; may they know the comfort of your abiding presence.

We pray for the meek; may they receive the goodness of your earth.

We pray for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; may they be filled with goodness.

We pray for those who are merciful; may they also receive mercy.

We pray for the pure in heart; may they see you face to face.

We pray for the peacemakers; may they be recognized as your children.

We pray for those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness; may they know the protection of your realm.

We rejoice this day and give thanks for the many blessings of this life and for the gift of heaven which is ours even now.

May we, with your prophets from all the ages, have the wisdom to pursue your truth and the courage to do what is holy and right. We ask all this in the name of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (pp. 90-91)..

Offering *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by H. Percy Smith arr. Tedd*
Smith

Luann Alderks

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

Holy Communion

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 the prayer which 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Cotter

"Blest Are They" by David Haas arr. Jeanne

Luann Alderks

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (TFWS # 2158)

All

SENDING

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds and may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! May the love of Jesus Christ be fully present in you, so that a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you. The Spirit fills you. Jesus Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. God Bless! **Amen.**

Go in love, peace, joy. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche with "Be Thou My Vision"
Traditional Irish Melody 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, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

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

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

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sat, Feb. 7, 4-6 pm: “For the Love of God” gathering

Fri, Feb. 13, 5:30-8pm: Youth group

Wed, Feb 18, 7 pm: Ash Wednesday

Wed, Feb 25, 5:30 pm: Lenten Soup Suppers begin



Website



Online Giving

We are providing an on-going donation bin for CACand Wallflower House in our entrance way. See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org

Today we celebrate Luann Alderks for her lovely musical ministry at Little Prairie.