

Third Sunday in Lent
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
March 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



Living Water

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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

Peter Webb

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Welcome pilgrims on the Way.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

The way is long, and we are thirsty.

We seek the living waters of Jesus.

We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here* and *now*.

As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH#189)*

All

Opening Prayer:

Lord, loving God, You know who we are. You know everything we have done.

Sometimes we thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

Sometimes we commit ourselves to things that will never last. Sometimes we worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

Show us who you are: through the Holy Spirit and the channels of your love and vessels of your grace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Baptism of Grant Allen Johnston

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me (UMH #191)*

All

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Psalm 95

John 4:5-42

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

Message

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Hymn:

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (UMH #277)

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

We thank you, O God, that you have given us an enduring hope—one which cannot disappoint us or mislead us. We thank you, that through our faith in you and in your Son Jesus Christ, you enter into every believing heart and make us new...

Lord, hear our prayer.....

We pray today, O God, that those believers who are asleep may awake and know that salvation is nearer now than when they first believed. Help them, and us, to lay aside the works of sin and to put on the armor of salvation that you bestow upon those who actively seek your grace. Grant that their faith and ours may be fully alive....

Lord, hear our prayer.....

We ask today, O God, for those who have lost hope and for those who have never had it. Grant to us and to those we lift before you in our hearts a new and abiding vision of what you have done, and what you are doing, and what you will do, to save and redeem your people and indeed creation itself. Grant, O God, that all might see and believe and discover their purpose and the purpose of all that is and all that is yet to be....

Lord, hear our prayer.....

We ask all this of you, O God, knowing that you are our hope and our salvation, a very present help in times of trouble, and the One whose purpose is to grant new and abundant life to us and our world. Praise be to your name. Amen.

Adapted from Rev. Richard J. Fairchild and posted on Kir-shalom. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/prayers-of-people-enduring-hope.html>.

Offering

Peter Webb

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint.

You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude.

As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ.

Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray. Amen.

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.

Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (UMH #175)

All

SENDING

As you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion, with living waters that restore your soul, and with a heart flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs. 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. God Bless!

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

Postlude

Peter Webb

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, 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



Website



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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

Wednesdays during lent, 5:30pm: Soup Suppers

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

Friday, Mar 13, 5:30pm: Youth Group

Friday, Mar 27, 3-8pm: Fish dinner

Sun. March 29, 9:30am: Palm Sunday

Thurs. April 2, 7:00 pm: Holy, Maundy Service

Fri. April 3, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

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