

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
May 3, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



The Way, the Truth and the Life

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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

Debbie Richman

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

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

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

Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation (UMH #545)

All

Opening Prayer

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit.

You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ.

You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us.

You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship.

You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dille on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ)

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

John 14:1-14

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

Message

The Way, the Truth and the Life

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Hymn:

His Eye is on the Sparrow (#2146 TFWS)

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the People

God of grace and light, found within and out with the structures of humanity, you cannot be contained, but on occasion choose to dwell in hearts and homes.

Glance lightly upon the hearts and homes dear to us, the people and places where we seek blessing.

Build up our homes: where the happy may find peace; the sad may find comfort; the hungry may find food; The weary may find rest.

Build up the places where we work: Where the honest may find reward; the dedicated may find delight; The imaginative may find new horizons.

Build up our community: Where the isolated may find friendship; the marginalized may find welcome; the unloved may find acceptance.

Build up our nation, loving Lord, and bless those entrusted with the care of our society's fabric.

May they use their skills, their calling, their hard graft to fashion communities of grace and understanding, where generosity of heart and mind and soul may be not only the gilding of our daily life but its very core.

Build up the Church, redeeming Lord, so that all your children may find their place, unique and special,

Chosen and essential to the living edifice of grace, where by your grace each one might know their value in your economy, and their significance in your eyes.

Help us all, this day, to be living stones, dreaming dreams, and living gloriously the joy and kindness of a faith that edifies everything that life should be. In the Name of our Savior, our cornerstone, we pray. Amen.

by Rev. Dr. Derek Browning

Offering

Debbie Richman

Doxology

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

Holy Communion

Special Music

Many Rooms

By Penny Bonsell

Pastor Penny Bonsell, Tom Hollenhorst and Debbie Richman

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

Hymn

I'll Fly Away (#2282 TFWS)

All

SENDING

May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out to be agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world. 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

Debbie Richman

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, 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

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 at James Gang coffee shop

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

Wed. June 10, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Old Country Boys (Food available at 5:30)

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