

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 2, 2026, 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

Dan Dauner

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Dan Dauner

Call to Worship

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

We worship because the Lord gives strength.

Even when we feel so weak.

We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, March 2022

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

All

Opening Prayer

At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace.

As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own.

When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage.

When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory.

Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side.

All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. Amen.

Written by Carol Penner and posted on The Contemplative Network.

Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Hebrews 12:1-3

The Example of Jesus

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of^[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners,^[c] so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵ Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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

Message
Bonsell

Team Jesus - Olympics

Pastor Penny

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us (UMH # 398)

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concern/Prayers of the People

Lord, thank you so much for your faithfulness to us in the difficult times.

**Help each of us to run with perseverance the race that you set before us
and to finish that race well with your help.**

Help us to keep the faith and the teaching that you have entrusted to us and pass it on faithfully to those in the next generation who can teach others also.

We know you will be with us to the end. We know that your grace is sufficient.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Written by Ralph Wilson and posted on the Jesus Walk website.

Offering

Dan Dauner

Doxology

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

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

Dan Dauner

Hymn

Jesus Is All the World to Me (UMH # 469)

All

Sending

Our gathered worship has ended, but our race goes on. The faith we celebrate in here continues to be the faith we keep out there. As you have poured yourself out in worship – in song and in prayer, in fellowship and in unity – now may we go to pour ourselves out in service to the world God so loves. Let the church be the witness that God is at work in the world. Go with God. 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

Dan Dauner

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

Little Prairie UMC UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

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

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: James Gang coffee shop (Pastor Penny is on vacation)

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

Wed. August 19, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Rockin Hep Cats
(Food available at 5:30)

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