

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 5, 2026, 9:30 am**



***Yoke of Love***

Little Prairie United Methodist Church  
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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**      *We Come, O Christ, To You*    John Darwall  
*What a Wonderful World (with This is My Father's World)*    Arr. John D. Miller  
Nan Winsell

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **Call to Worship**

Come one and all, let's worship the Lord! Come to Jesus, all who have suffered or are feeling beaten down this week.

**Come to Jesus, all who have experienced illness, family turmoil, loss of a loved one, grief, isolation or feeling lost this week.**

Come to Jesus, all who are tired of conflict all around, high cost of living and health care, tired of not being able to find a job, or feeling a loss of the way it used to be.

**Come to Jesus, all who have a situation that is getting on your last nerve.**

Jesus said, "I'll give you rest. I'll bring you relief. I'll provide your deliverance. I'll make a way."

**And Jesus will give us wonderful rest! Come one and all, let's worship the Lord!**

**Hymn**      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      *UMH #400*      *All*

## **Opening Prayer**

In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, and the shoulder we rest our head upon.

**When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us, the grace that we depend on.**

In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, 'Come... find rest.'

**This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, and the path that leads to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

## **Children's Moment**

### **THE WORD**

#### **Psalm 100**

#### **All Lands Summoned to Praise God**

*A Psalm of thanksgiving.*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Footnotes*

a. [100.3](#) Or *and not we ourselves*

### **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”<sup>[a]</sup>

### **Jesus Thanks His Father**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank<sup>[a]</sup> you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**Message**

*Yoke of Love*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*    *UMH #526*

*All*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **Joys and Concerns and Prayers for the People:**

God of life, Creator, Holy One, we come to you from many places: some hearts overflow with joy and gratitude, while others are barely hanging on to hope and faith. Thus, we

thank you for your son Jesus Christ, in him we have a friend, indeed. His yoke is easy and his burden is light, giving us light to come to you.

**And what a privilege it is to carry everything to you in prayer. Forgive us when we do not follow and when we become discouraged.**

For you know in Christ our every weakness; help us bring this to you in prayer.

**Guide and hold us through trials and temptations.**

Help us see others who are in need and care for them.

**Be with those who are sick or suffering.**

Be with local and world leaders, fill them with your love, grace and wisdom.

**We give thanks for your beautiful creation, planet earth; help us be the best stewards we can possibly be. We take this all to you in prayer. Amen.**

**Offering**      *We Are An Offering, Dwight Liles*

*Nan Winsell*

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

*All*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kingdom you meant us to be.

**The yoke of love doesn't burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary.**

The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness.

**Bless our giving and its use for love in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **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 in which Jesus unites us...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All*

**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**

*Nan Winsell*

## **Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision UMH # 451*

*All*

## **SENDING**

As you go from this place, remember: Christ offers his yoke to you, promising to come alongside and stick with you no matter where your journey takes you. So, when your week gets hard, when you feel like you are at your wits' end, when the overwhelm is too much, Christ holds out his yoke to you. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, and Christ goes with you always and everywhere. **Amen.**

**God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

## **Postlude**

*We Are Called, David Haas*

*Nan Winsell*

## **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



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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

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

**Wed. July 22, 6-8 pm** Music on the Prairie (Food at 5:30 pm)

**Mon, July 27-30, 5:30-8 pm, Team Jesus VBS Olympics**