

**Welcome to Minden
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**2020 Vision:
Extend Hospitality to Strangers**

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Prayer List...

Lori Conyers's Parents
Dolly Grams
Angie Taylor, Corey Smidt's mother

This week's birthday people:

Gordon Amstuz	Nancy Evans
Alan Kahle	Dawn Moyer
Joyce Jameson	Virginia Madsen

Scriptures...

Matthew 10:40-42

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

<p style="text-align: center;">Order of Worship June 28, 2020 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p>

Prelude Glen Haselbarth

*Opening Hymn “Christ for the World We Sing” (UMH 568)

Welcome and Announcements Kim Snavely

***Call to worship!**

L: Good morning! Welcome to our church.

P: We’re glad to be here.

L: Come let us worship with great joy the Lord who greets us.

P: Let us praise God who lifts our hearts and spirits.

L: Come on everyone, open your hearts to the Lord.

P: Thank you, Lord, for your welcome through this church. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Children’s Time Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures Matthew 10:40-42, Romans 6:12-23 Julie Ratka

Message **“Reward of Righteousness.”** Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH 94)

***Offering Prayer** Let us pray together for our offerings.

We give thanks, O Giver of Life, for all the gifts you bestow upon us every moment of every day. Help us to recognize the source of our loves, our blessings and our very being. Take these small tokens of our thanks and bless them so that they might be blessings to others. In the name of the greatest gift of all, Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Lord, Speak to Me” (UMH 463)

***Benediction** The Holy Spirit is upon you to bless and empower you. Go, to keep the fires of God’s love and justice burning wherever and whenever you can. Keep that spark burning in your heart and soul. Amen.

Postlude Glen Haselbarth