

Call to Worship

L: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

P: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.

L: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

P: Blessed be God who watches over us.

L: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

P: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us.

AMEN.

Congregational Opening Prayer

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn “At the Name of Jesus” (UMH 168)

Children's Time

Scriptures

Mike Boudreau

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—
if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us,
they would have swallowed us alive

 when their anger flared against us;
the flood would have engulfed us,
 the torrent would have swept over us,
the raging waters would have swept us away.

Praise be to the Lord,
 who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

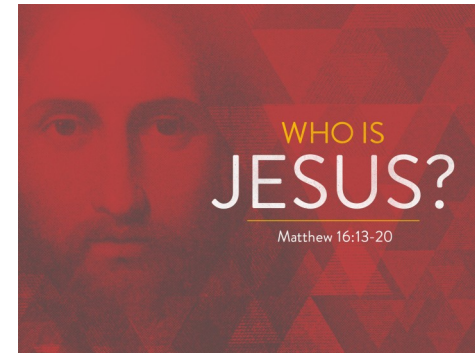
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message



Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

Lori Conyers's Parents and Dolly Grams

This week's birthdays:

Levi Loseke

Becky Barber

Marsha Granger

This week's anniversary celebrations:

Mark & Lori Loseke—19 years

Lord's Prayer

Doxology (UMH 94)
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offering Prayer
Generous God,
you have given us many gifts
and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church.
You have blessed us
with generous and cheerful spirits.
May the gifts of our money, time, and talents
support the ministry of your church. Amen.

Closing Hymns
"There's Something About That Name" (UMH 171)
"His Name is Wonderful" (UMH 174)

Benediction
Go into the world with peace and joy, delighting in the diversity
and blessings that God has lavished upon each one. Celebrate
the good news of the love of God with all people and offer peace
and blessing to each one. Go in peace. AMEN.

Postlude Glen Haselbarth



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Minden United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
August 23, 2020
12th Sunday after Pentecost

2020 Vision:
Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Prelude Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements Kim Snavelly

We are very glad to welcome all who have come to praise God with us today. May the Lord's loving presence undergird and bless each of you.

1. We are changing the lights in the sanctuary, to make it brighter. We express our gratitude to Gary Smidt.

2. Next Sunday, 30th of August, we will have a drive-in worship service. Please drive into the church parking lot on the south side of the church by 9:40 A.M and tune in to 90.3FM.

3. Starting this September, Pastor Peter will reach out to all church members and non-members who have registered and visit their houses.

DUE TO COVID-19, he will not enter your house but wear a mask and keep 12 feet social distancing outside. It will be just a five minute visitation or a little longer on request.

4. Also starting in September, Pastor Peter plans to open zoom-chats once or twice a week. You can talk, share and ask whatever with us by a phone and computer. We will send further importation along with our September newsletter.

5. Please post on youtube or facebook in the comments any Joys or Prayers you have. Pastor Peter will read these prior to prayer time and pray for those requests.