

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(UMH 94)

Offertory Prayer

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen

Closing Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

(UMH 383)

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is a live, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.
5. In faith we'll gather round the table
To taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

Benediction

God promised to be with Moses, and we are here to witness to the fulfillment of that promise. From generation to generation, the God of Israel is also the God of Minden United Methodist Church. The God of the burning bush is waiting even now to encounter you, call you, challenge you, and change you. Go out to be sustained and surprised by the love of God. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. HAVE A GREAT WEEK :)

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Minden United Methodist Church Order of Worship August 30, 2020 13th Sunday after Pentecost

2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

"Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus, our Lord." Joyfully welcome to all who have come to praise God. Let us reach out in fellowship to one another.

1. Please post on YouTube or Facebook in the comments any joys and prayers you have. Pastor Peter will read these before prayer time and pray for those requests.
2. Starting this September, Pastor Peter will reach out to all church friends and visit their houses. DUE TO COVID-19, he will not enter your house but wear a mask and keep 12 feet with social distancing at the outside. It will be just five minutes' visitation or a little longer on request.
3. Our first ZOOM chat will be September 10, 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. You can talk, share and ask whatever with us by phone and computer. We will send further information along with our September newsletter.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$6,220. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

Call to worship!

L: Have you heard God's call in your life?

P: We're not sure. Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do, but at other times things are not very clear.

L: Place your trust in the Lord. God is with you always.

P: Lord, it is a scary thing to do--to just place our trust in you.

L: God is with you. You will be safe.

P: Thanks be to God who watches over us and guides us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we have gathered here today to hear your word for us. We marvel at the witness of Moses who received your call to liberate your enslaved people. We also struggle with the issues of safety and security that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem. Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts to hear your forgiveness and call to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Opening Song "All Things Bright & Beautiful" (UMH 147)

(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Vs. 1 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
And made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

Vs. 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.
(Refrain)

Vs. 2 The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.
(Refrain)

Vs. 4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

Children's Time

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

Kathi Schutz

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Way of the Cross"

Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

Lori Conyers's Parents, & Dolly Grams.

This week's birthdays: Gary Smidt, Shoni Delaney, Lonna Rowse, Radford Hansen, Cozette Sinsel, and Emily Cohen

This week's anniversary celebrations: Tim & Susan Tunnell—20 years

Lord's Prayer