

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

**Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.

**Closing Hymn "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (UMH 390)**

- Vs. 1 **"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"**  
**You taught us, Lord, to pray;**  
**But you alone can grant us grace**  
**To live the words we say.**
- Vs. 2 **How can your pardon reach and bless**  
**the unforgiving heart**  
**that broods on wrongs and will not let**  
**old bitterness depart?**
- Vs. 3 **In blazing light your cross reveals**  
**the truth we dimly knew:**  
**what trivial debts are owed to us,**  
**how great our debt to you!**
- Vs. 4 **Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,**  
**and bid resentment cease;**  
**then, bound to all in bonds of love,**  
**our lives will spread your peace.**

**Benediction**

Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain.  
Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness.  
Know the power of mercy and grace in your life,  
and use those wonderful gifts to serve God  
by serving the people. Go in peace. AMEN.

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

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**Minden United Methodist Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Kim Snavely**

Whoever you are, a warm welcome to you! You are here for one reason or another, but God may have something special in mind for you, something unexpected, something you really need. Please listen carefully for his word and stay open to His Spirit as you worship with us today.

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. Our next ZOOM gathering will be Thursday at 7:00 PM. For about twenty minutes, we will talk to each other by phone or computer and then for about twenty minutes Pastor Peter will lead a Bible devotion. Please see the information in our newsletter or contact Tony Ratka.
3. Pastor Peter has been visiting church friends. Here are some people that he visited last week.
4. The Christian Education committee is looking for teachers to teach and help with children's classes. The Sunday School classes are going to be moved from 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to Wednesday afternoons at 3:30-5:00 p.m.. We need teachers and helpers for children of all ages: Pre-K to 2nd grade, 3-6 graders, junior and senior high. If you can and are willing to teach or help, speak to Pastor Peter or Dan Frizane. Here is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and our church.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$1,680.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

**Call to worship!**

L: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

**P: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.**

L: God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

**P: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.**

L: Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

**P: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of all grace,**

**We have come here today not by our own power, but you have drawn us in your mercy and truth. You have sought us in every moment of our lives, that we may be with you through eternity. Now let us enjoy a glimpse of that blessed day in which you will be glorified in all the worlds. Lord, we long to see your face smiling upon us in the face of Our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer up all praise, to the glory of your blessed name. Amen.**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Opening Song**                      **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**                      (UMH 384)

Vs. 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

Vs. 2 **Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

Vs. 3 **Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy host above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

Vs. 4 **Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**Children’s Time**

**Scriptures**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**Philippians 2:1-13**

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one

mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do Everything Without Grumbling

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**“Peace in the Valley”**

**Larry Tatum**

**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**Message**

**“Replenish”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer List...

Marjorie Hultquist, Marjorie Madsen, Maxine Grams, Ed Sorensen,  
Lori Conyers’s Parents, & Dolly Grams.

This week’s birthdays: Kyla Putnam, Kevin Howard, Mindy Heath, Jenae Boudreau,  
Kurt Muller, and Lynne Favinger

**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.**