

*Doxology

Offering Prayer

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way And create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "Remembrance"

Closing Song "Creator King"

Benediction

You are prepared to walk away from the darkness into the light. Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you. Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace! AMEN.



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Minden United Methodist Church Order of Worship

September 6, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

2020 Vision:

Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

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. We will offer drive-thru communion today for 30 minutes after the service. Please pull up in your car to the main door on the west side of the church.
3. Our first ZOOM gathering will be September 10, 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. You can talk, share, and ask whatever with us by phone and computer. Please read further information in our September newsletter.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$3,040. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

Opening Song "Word of God Speak"

*Call to Worship

L: Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.

P: We praise God for God's presence with us!

L: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

P: We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

L: Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

P: Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

**Lord of all, you give each of us work to do,
Whether it is at home, at school,
At a place of employment, at church or elsewhere.
Above all, you give us the greatest work of love.
Master, be at work in our hearts and minds,
Transforming and growing your love in us,
Empowering us with your Holy Spirit,
And giving us grace sufficient to labor in love with you.
God of love, teach us and train us to imitate you. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures Exodus 12:1-14

Kay Lyn McBride

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Passover!"

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, Ed Sorensen
Lori Conyers's Parents, and Dolly Grams.

This week's birthdays: Amanda Wubbenhorst,
JoAnn Hansen, Lori Loseke, Chloe Choi,
Michael Swartz, Lori Conyers, Rev. Bill Hunter,
Aleda Younkin, Rev. Paul Blanchard, Tim Tunnell,
Larry Snavely, and Roger Jones.

This week's anniversary celebrations:

Dale & Nancy Lambert—46 years
Dudley & Michelle Scharff—26 years