

**\*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

O God, you have given us all that we have. You breathed life into us and continue to fill us with your life-giving Spirit. You poured out your love for us that we may have life. May these gifts be used in your service, that all may receive your many blessings. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

#### Closing Hymn "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire" UMH 492

(1) Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Unuttered or expressed,  
the motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.

(2) Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
the falling of a tear,  
the upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.

(3) Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
that infant lips can try;  
prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
the Majesty on high.

(4) Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,  
returning from their way,  
while angels in their songs rejoice  
and cry, "Behold, they pray!"

(5) Prayer is the Christians' vital breath,  
The Christians' native air;  
their watch-word at the gates of death;  
they enter heaven with prayer.

(6) O Thou, by whom we come to God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way:  
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

#### Benediction

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Go forth into this aching, hurting world with God's love, offering healing, hope, and peace to all. Go in peace and may God's peace surround you always. AMEN.

#### Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

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

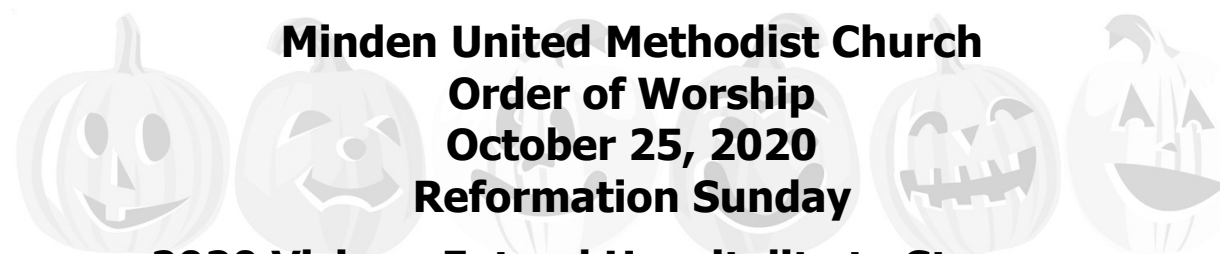
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## 2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

#### Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

#### Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

1. From this Sunday, the annual stewardship campaign begins with the film, *Leading Generously* and will continue for 4 weeks. You can see this week's memory verse in the plastic bag and ponder what God is saying to you with the texts for this week.
2. All Saints service will be next Sunday, November 1, at 9:45 AM. We observe this Sunday to celebrate and honor all saints of the church who have passed away since the last All Saints Sunday.
3. This Wednesday school begins from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. We need helpers to help Wednesday evenings with crafts and supervising the kids. We also need prepackaged drinks and snacks, such as Juice boxes, small bottles of Sunny D, Capri Sun, individually wrapped cheese and crackers, individual bags of chips, a variety of cookies, Little Debbie's, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Dan Fризane.
4. We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoebox. Please place any donation items in the box near the entrance. If you would like to fill one please take a box, fill it and bring it back.
5. Our ZOOM gathering is 7:00 PM, Thursdays. Please see the information in our October newsletter.
6. Pastor Peter has been visiting our church friends.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$1,690. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

#### Call to worship!

L: We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

**P: In God's realm, we will find healing and hope.**

L: We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

**P: In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.**

L: We are called to be those who would serve.

**P: Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

**Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

## Congregational Prayer

### Opening Song "Standing on the Promises of God"

**UMH 374**

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

Children's Time

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

Larry Evans

### **Corinthians 1:18-22**

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## Romans 4:13-21

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

**"Promise"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

## Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

Marjorie Hultquist, Marjorie Madsen, Maxine Grams,  
and Lori Conyers's Parents.

Happy Birthday to Natalie Janda, Alvan Lux, Shane Heath, Judy Hansen,

Garry Remmenga and Ed Sorensen

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Allyson Jameson, 39 years

## 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.**

Offering

Special Music by Glen Haselbarth