

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt (healing from Surgery), Roger Erickson (Phyllis Burnham's brother) (Covid), Virginia Madsen (healing), Christy (healing), Julie Ratka's Aunt (covid), Marjorie Hultquist (healing), Maxine Grams (healing), and Lori Conyers's Parents (healing).

Happy Birthday to Emma Grube, Denny Lange, Ashtynn Putnam, Jodi Boudreau, Joyce Will, and Steven Fries.

Happy Anniversary to Steve & Aleda Younkin—41 years, and LeaAnn & Derek Runcie—7years.

## Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

### \*Offertory Prayer

Everything we possess, O God, has been provided lovingly by you. You have named us and hold us dear to you as your precious children. Through your salvation, you created in us the compassion and love to give back a portion of our abundance blessings to share among others in your world. All we have is yours; help us use it to do your will. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn "Go Tell it on the Mountain" UMH#251**

### Benediction

We have been given the Great Light, which has come into the world. This light of peace and hope, joy and love, shines on us, in us, and through us, to all whom we meet. Go now in peace, and let the light of God's great love go with you. AMEN.

### Postlude

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# Minden United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship December 27, 2020

### Prelude

**Glen Haselbarth**

### Welcome and Announcements

1. We are live-streaming our worship on both Facebook and YouTube at the same time. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook and then we may know you are with us.
2. Last week we received offerings of \$3,448. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

### \*Call to Worship

L: Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

**P: Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.**

L: The darkness that enveloped the people,

**P: Has been pierced by the Light.**

L: Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

**P: Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. AMEN.**

### \*Opening Prayer

Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### \*Congregational Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn "There's a Song in the Air" UMH#249**

## Children's Time

### Scriptures

#### Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NIV)

I delight greatly in the Lord;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.  
The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.  
You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

#### John 1:1-14 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We

have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**"Invincible Light "**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Hymn**

**"The First Noel"**

**UMH#245**

