

Hymn

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH600

Minden United Methodist Church

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Fred Will, Gary Smidt and Linda Amstuz.

Happy Birthday to Rhodell Jameson, Leah Boudreau, Lisa Cohen, Julie Ratka, and Carlie Bauer.

Happy Anniversary to Kurt & Jennifer Muller—34 years, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist—57 years, and Gary & Debra Smidt—47 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

“Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Gracious Lord,
you have lavished upon us the riches of your glory.
As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all
with more than enough left over, so you have fed us and provided
for us. You shelter us, care for us, and bring us safely to each stop
on our journey. As you have given to us out of your abundance,
we return our offering to you with praise and thanksgiving.
In the name of the Savior, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH#369

Sending Forth

You have been given every good gift for proclaiming God’s presence and God’s love. The world is thirsting for this good news. People struggle for words of hope and peace. As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing in God’s Name. AMEN.

Postlude

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

9th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship July 25, 2021

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We thank you for all your prayers and devotion to Vacation Bible School this year. I would like to express gratitude to the staff and volunteers making effort to achieve the abundant VBS.
2. Following the worship today, a meal will be provided. We invited everyone. Please have fellowship with us.
3. Just a reminder that the Little Food Pantry is in need of items.
4. The Methodist Women Rummage Sale will be held on September 22, 23, and 24. Leave the items in room 103 on the south side of the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,760. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

P: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

L: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

P: Bring us to the time of healing.

L: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God, move in us today. Help us to be open to your transforming love. Open our hearts to be present in this time of worship, that we may experience you and praise you fully. Help us to let go of fears and judgments and ideas that hold us captive from freely experiencing your love through all of your creation. Transform our hearts through your word to receive and live your love in radical ways. Through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn **"O Word of God Incarnate"** **UMH#598**

Children's Time

Scriptures

John 6:1-15 (NIV)

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
"Jesus our Source!"
Pastor Peter Choi

