

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

## Offertory Prayer

We offer to you our offerings, O God, and ask that you would receive them as tokens of our offering ourselves to your service. As these gifts are used in sharing your gospel may we be loving, serving signs of your presence in this world. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” **UMH#513**

## Sending Forth

Go out into the world as God's people. As you grow into God's image, invite others to join the journey. Let us move forward in our faith and in our ministry through the power of the Risen Christ who goes before us. Amen.



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# Minden United Methodist Church

## 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)



**Order of Worship**  
**August 22, 2021**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome and Announcements

1. Today is the exchanging day of home garden products: If you bring garden products garden, please put by the church's main door. You can exchange different items or take what you want without exchange. If there are leftovers, we will donate them to our community food pantry today evening.
2. Prayer Walk: Cover our children and our schools in prayer. Meet at the front door of CLJones or Elementary School at 5 pm, today.
3. Please continue to remember our prayer wall on the east side of the church! Pastor and our church family will read and pray.
4. We are collecting Rummage Sale items! Please bring them to room 103 on the south side of the church. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$1,611. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

**P: The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.**

L: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**P: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.**

L: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

**P: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.**

**AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn      "Lead On, O King Eternal"      **UMH#580**

## Children's Time

## Scriptures

### **Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### **John 6:56-58 (NIV)**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message      "Decode the Mystery!"      **Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn      "Onward, Christian Soldiers"      **UMH#575**

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family & Friends of Thelma Jensen, Linda Amstuz, Fred Will, and Gary Smidt.

Happy Birthday to Becky Barber, Levi Loseke, and Marsha Granger.

Happy Anniversary to Larry & Laurain Tatum—67 years, Steven & Lynne Favinger—51 years, and Mark and Lori Loseke—20 years.

