

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family & friends of Maxine Christensen, Dan Frizane's family for the loss of his brother, Larry Preston-Jeanette Wilkinson's brother, Merlin Beahm and Fred Will.  
Happy Birthday to Fred Will, Marlys Farm, & Jeff Johnson.

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

## Offertory Prayer

You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

## Closing Song

“Glory to God Forever”

## Benediction & Sending Forth

Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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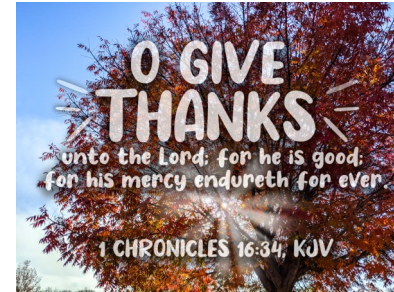


# Minden United Methodist Church

## 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

**September 19, 2021—17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Following the worship, we need helpers who can move rummage sale items to the fellowship hall. Refreshment will be served in the fellowship hall today. Thank you for helping. The sale will be held September 22 from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm, September 23 from 9:00am until 5:00 pm, and September 24 from 9:00am until 1:00pm.
2. We plan to have worship at Jaycee Park on September 26 at 9:45 am. Following worship we will have a potluck and games. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Main dish, tableware, and drinks will be provided. For those who cannot sit at the park, we will also prepare an FM transmitter. You can participate in worship in your car.
3. Choir has started practice on our cantata for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join the choir. We sing in unison and you will be blessed with this ministry.
4. Bible study will begin in the middle of October with “Threading the Bible: Old Testament.”
5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,852. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**P: God's ways are just and merciful.**

L: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**P: In all that they do, they prosper.**

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**P: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. 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 judgment 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 Songs

**"One Thing Remains"  
"Here I am to Worship"**

## Children's Time

### Scriptures

#### Psalm 1 (NIV)

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take

or sit in the company of mockers,

but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—

whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff

that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## Mark 9:30-37 (NIV)

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### Message

**"Who is the Greatest?"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

