

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Linda Amstuz, Merlin Beahm, and Fred Will.

Happy Birthday to JoAnn Hansen, Chloe Choi, Lori Loseke, Lori Conyers, Michael Swartz, Bill Hunter, Aleda Younkin, Paul Blanchard, Roger Jones, Larry Snavely, Tim Tunnell.

Happy Anniversary to Dale & Nancy Lambert—47 years and Dudley & Michelle Scharff—27 years.

## Pastoral Prayer

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

## Offertory Prayer

All that we do is in your holy name, O God. Even as we share the riches of our labors, may we continue to honor your name in all that we do.

Bless these gifts given freely, that your justice and mercy may prevail in a weak and weary world. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Special Music “One Bread, One Body”

## Closing Song

“I Will Follow”

## Benediction & Sending Forth

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before you.

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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 5, 2021**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome and Announcements

1. Please bring rummage sale items to room 103 on the south side of the church. The rummage sale will be held from September 22 through 24.
2. We plan to have a worship and games and BBQ at Jaycee Park on September 26. Please bring your chair on that day. For those who cannot sit at the park, we will prepare an FM transmitter. You can also participate in worship in your car.
3. Continue to bring home garden products. You can exchange different items or take what you want without exchange. If there are leftovers, we will also contribute to our community food pantry.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$3,025. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

**P: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.**

L: Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

**P: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.**

L: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

**P: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer

Opening Songs    **“Arise”**  
                          **“How Can I Keep From Singing”**

## Children's Time

### Scriptures

#### **Mark 7:24-37 (NIV)**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.”

Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, *“Ephphatha!”* (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

### **James 1:1-10 (NIV)**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“You are a Treasure!”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**