

Closing Song

“Forever”

Benediction

O Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are no substitute for the loyalty of our lives. As we leave this sanctuary, enable us to serve your creation as we have worshiped you, with ourselves as well as our gifts. AMEN

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2022 Vision:

Expand Our Boundaries Through the Word of God.

**“Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path”**

(Psalm 119:105)

Minden United Methodist Church

Order of Worship
January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

1. Pastor Peter will pray for each family with blessings of prayer during worship on January 9th as we begin a new year. Please prepare your plans and prayer lists on paper.
2. Our church leaders for 2022 will be recognized and blessed during the worship on January 16. After the worship Pastor Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2022.
3. Education Team invites all parents with children under seventh grade to a meeting on January 12 at 7:00pm. We want to hear what parents want and talk about our future.
4. We have no Bible study this week.
5. Youth meeting will be held on January 5th at 6:30p.m.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$7,719.73. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Sing out your praises and say,

P: God has saved his people.

L: See how the Savior brings them from the end of the earth,

P: the blind and lame among them,

L: women with child

P: and women in labor, a great company.

L: Young men and old shall rejoice,

P: then shall the girl show her joy in the dance.

L: God turns their mourning into gladness,

P: and gives them joy to outdo their sorrow.

Opening Prayer

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

“Arise”

“Sing to the King”

Children’s Time

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures

Matthew 2:1-2

Kaylyn McBride

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Tony Ratka

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, and Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz’s mother.

Happy Birthday to Steven Fries, Dick McBride, Rita Smith, and Steven Favinger, Edna Carlson.

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Jodi Boudreau—33 years and Pastor Peter and Lena Choi—11 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

“Doxology

United Methodist Hymnal #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Our Great God, Source of new life, we thank you for sending a Savior to our world. We believe you work through him to recreate us. Use these tithes and offerings to proclaim the good news of this new life, so others will find hope and fulfillment in him. We pray in his name. Amen.