

Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH#568

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, and Fred Will.

Happy Birthday to Makenna Dornhoff, Ian Sinsel, Bonnie Westengaard, and Dudley Scharff.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore, leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Pass It On" UMH #572

Benediction

You have been called and anointed. You have been strengthened and enlightened. You have become one body in Christ. Now go to spread joy and liberation in word and in deed to all the world.

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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 23, 2022
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

1. Pastor Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2022 after the worship.
2. Wednesday, January 26 will begin our Winter Kids Church School at 3:30pm. We will begin with snacks and the program runs from 3:45-5:00pm.
3. We will continue to have children's sermons every Sunday. In addition, the children's song and bell program, during Sunday worship, will be once a month!
4. Bible class: "Threading the Bible", Tuesday at 10am & 5pm.
5. Adult Bible Study is at 10:45am every Sunday.
6. Beginning in February we are going to ask that you pick up your newsletter from the Church if possible or contact the church with your email address and we can email it to you. The newsletter is also posted on the website, mindenumc.org, under announcements every month.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$8,297. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

P: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

L: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

P: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

P: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit, which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn “We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH#569

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Psalm 19 (NIV)

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.
He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:
“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “To Set Free Those Who are Oppressed” Pastor Choi