

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Larry Preston, Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Lee Ann Lux, Nicholas Pearson, and Jean Liebers.

Happy Anniversary to Jason & Jaime Sinsel—15 years and Donlyn & Sandra Space—48 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

“Doxology

UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Sovereign God, we give our tithes and gifts this day, knowing that you are deserving of the best we have to offer. The tithe in scripture we are called to give is to be our first fruits – not what is left-over. Yet in his writing, Paul reminds us that Christ was, in fact, the first fruits in your new covenant of salvation for each of us! May we live as an offering worthy of this great gift. We pray this in is Christ's name! Amen.

Closing Hymn

“ I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

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Benediction

In this place of worship, we have proclaimed the presence and power of the risen Christ with the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts. Now, as we go forth to our places of work, let us demonstrate the presence and power of the risen Christ with the deeds of our hands and the labors of our lives.

Postlude

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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

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

1. Winter Kids Church School takes place every Wednesday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
2. Bible class, 'Threading the Bible,' Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
3. Adult Bible Study is at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday.
4. Choir Practice is Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. for the Easter Cantata, “God Hath Provided a Lamb”. The presentation of our Lenten cantata will be Palm Sunday, April 10. We would like to see more members join us! Remember "the few, the proud, the CHOIR!" Great fellowship and fun for all! We sing in unison, everyone on the melody, so there are no hard parts to learn. Come out and give it a try! We will all lead in worship in our singing.
5. Youth Group Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$4,663. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Rejoice, for the power of God has come—

P: The same transforming power encountered in the risen Christ:

L: Promising to the poor the realm of heaven;

P: Promising to the hungry a time of satisfaction;

L: Promising to the weeping a life of happiness;

P: Promising to the reviled the gift of acceptance.

A: Rejoice, O people of God, the transforming power of Christ is here!

Opening Prayer

Healing God, we long to experience your tender mercy and grace as we gather today. We want to know that someone cares. We long to experience an assurance that, no matter what, we are loved. We are accepted. We are precious in your eyes. Use these moments of prayer and praise to draw us closer to you. May we experience your healing presence in this time of worship. Thank you, God. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH#384

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Jessie Tunnell

Luke 6:17-26 (NIV)

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NIV)

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “A Life Worth Living” by Pastor Peter Choi

Happy Valentine’s Day—Love One Another

Hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” UMH#156