

## Joys and Concerns

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

Happy Birthday to Jeff Hanson, James Wilkinson, Larry Tatum, Merlin Beahm, Clark Bauer, Ed Rowse, and Jim Lynn.

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Kathy Hunter—53 years.

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

## Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

**Closing Song** **“Hope of the Nations”**

## Benediction

We are being sent into a world in need of healing. We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace. Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you. Bring the news of peace and hope to all you meet. AMEN.

## 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 20, 2022**

**7th 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. Choir Practice is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for the Easter Cantata, “God Hath Provided a Lamb”. The presentation of our Lenten cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 10.
3. Ad Council Meeting will meet Wednesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service that will include the imposition of ashes.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,600. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**



## Opening Prayer

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Opening Songs

“How Great Is Our God”  
“Now That You’re Near”

## Children’s Time

## Scriptures

Doug Hammer

### Psalm 37: 1-11 & 39-40 (NIV)

Do not fret because of those who are evil  
or be envious of those who do wrong;  
for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.  
Trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will do this:  
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.  
Be still before the Lord  
and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.  
Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For those who are evil will be destroyed,  
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.  
A little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look for them, they will not be found.  
But the meek will inherit the land  
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.  
The Lord helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

### Luke 6:27-38 (NIV)

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message “Can You Love Your Enemies?” by Pastor Peter Choi**