

## Call to Worship

L: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

**P: Let praise to God fill the earth!**

L: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

**P: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

L: Open your hearts and spirits today.

**P: Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer

**Opening Songs "Draw Me Close"**  
**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

"The Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

## Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

## Scriptures

Jodi Boudreau

### Isaiah 2:2-5 (NIV)

In the last days  
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.  
Many peoples will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.  
Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Revelation 2:1-5 (NIV)

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:  
These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**



**Message**  
**"Thy Kingdom Come"**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson, Jan Larsen,  
Lori Conyer's Father, Kurt Muller and Merlin Beahm.  
Happy Birthday to Caroyln Olsen, Melanie Remmenga,  
Alex Bauer, Dave Craig, and Michael Froid.  
Happy Anniversary to Mark & Melissa Klabunde—17 years.

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

## The Gideons International Presentation

## Offertory Music

“Doxology      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

## Offertory Prayer

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

**Closing Song      “God You Reign”**

## Sending Forth

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always. 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

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

## Welcome and Announcements

1. We have a special guest, Mark Butler, from 'The Gideons International.' They place and distribute the Word of God to over 200 countries. He will introduce what they are doing for the mission after today's sermon.
2. We continue to have a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. If you want to learn about how Jesus prayed, do not miss our worship.
3. We have a Bible study, "Threading the Bible" this week at 10 am and 5 pm Tuesday. Adult Bible School will be after this worship.
4. Hospitality team will host a movie night at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 3. We are going to watch "Queen Esther" from Sight and Sound Theatres.
5. Hospitality team will also host a simple breakfast for everyone as we remember and honor our fathers on June 19. Please put the date on your calendar.
6. Church planter in our conference will come to our church from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on June 18th and attend our worship June 19. The team will talk about how our church can grow in our context.
7. Vacation Bible School will be from July 10 to July 14. The first meeting will be on May 18 at 3:30 pm. We need 12 volunteers and 5 food service teams for the VBS.
8. From June to August our worship will begin at 10:00 AM.
9. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.
10. Last week we received offerings of \$2,855. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.