

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson,
Lori Conyer's Father, Kurt Muller and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Doug Fellers, Susan Tunnell,
and Alaina Suchsland.

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Lonna Rowse—28 years.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

We give thanks, O Giver of Life, for all the gifts you bestow upon us every moment of every day. Help us to recognize the source of our lives, our blessings and our very being. Take these small tokens of our thanks and bless them so that they might be blessings to others. In the name of the greatest gift of all, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Closing Song “Just a Closer Walk” #55

Benediction

We have encountered God. We have heard the gospel. We now go forth as witnesses. Celebrate the Good News. Live the Good News. Share the Good News. Amen!

Sending Forth

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

10:00 a.m.

July 17, 2022

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

1. We appreciate all teachers and volunteers who made our VBS special. Especially, we sincerely express our gratitude to Kathi Schutz, who organized, arranged, and led VBS with her heart.
2. We have begun raising money to help the school. With your generosity it will be an outstanding opportunity to support and serve our local school. Last week, Pastor Peter and Larry met with Mr. Widdifield, Superintendent of MPS and discussed using the money to pay for benches for the new play ground area at the middle school. We have collected \$250.
3. Granddaughter of Dr. Donald Prince is coming with a special missions report the week of July 31st. She is serving with a ministry of Cru called StoryRunners, helping the unreached oral peoples of the world to have God's word in story form." Everyone is invited for this special gathering.
4. Annual Rummage Sale will be August 9-11. Please bring clean and gently used items to room 103 on the south side of the church.
5. We are looking for people to join the bell choir. Don't miss this opportunity to serve our church. If you want to be a part of the bell choir, please get in touch with the church office.
6. Adult Bible School will be held following worship.
7. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,862. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

P: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

L: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

P: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

We come to your house seeking your presence, O God. For in the mystery of our universe, you created all things in heaven and on earth and reconciled all things to you, by and in Jesus Christ. So we stand before you steadfast in the hope promised by our brother, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart” #61
“Everyday” #6**

Passing the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Children's Time

Psalm 52 (NIV)

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero?
Why do you boast all day long,
you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?
You who practice deceit,
your tongue plots destruction;
it is like a sharpened razor.
You love evil rather than good,
falsehood rather than speaking the truth.
You love every harmful word,
you deceitful tongue!

Doug Hammer

Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin:
He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

The righteous will see and fear;
they will laugh at you, saying,

“Here now is the man

who did not make God his stronghold

but trusted in his great wealth

and grew strong by destroying others!”

But I am like an olive tree

flourishing in the house of God;

I trust in God's unfailing love

for ever and ever.

For what you have done I will always praise you
in the presence of your faithful people.

And I will hope in your name,

for your name is good.

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What Are Your Priorities?”

Pastor Peter Choi