

Joys and Concerns

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

Happy Birthday to Chris Cohen, Pat Mullin, Mikaela Froid,
Orlan Grams, Melissa Klabunde, Jerzee Smidt,
Marcia Fries, and Nathan Martin

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Ginger Frizane—56 years.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

O God, we stand before you as a people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who gave them, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Closing Song “Believe” #29

Benediction

We have been embraced by God's all-encompassing arms of love. As we prepare to leave this place, may we go with our arms outstretched, eager to embrace the people around us. May we go, prepared to share Christ's life-giving love with all we encounter. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

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Minden United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

1. We have been raising money to help the school. With your generosity, it will be an outstanding opportunity to support and serve our local schools since the school is a vital part of our community. Our goal is \$1,500 and we have collected \$560. We will use this fund for new benches between the Middle School and the Activities Gym.
2. There will be a blessing of the backpack and the school year during the worship, August 7. It is significant to start a school year with prayer and blessing. Please bring all kids to the worship.
3. Youth Group begins at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 17.
4. Sunday school begins Wednesday, August 24 at 3:30 pm.
5. 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.
6. 'Threading the Bible,' Bible class will resume at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm August 2, this Tuesday.
7. We are looking for people to start a 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.
8. Granddaughter of Dr. Donald Prince, J&J will briefly share her missions following the sermon. 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.
9. Adult Sunday school will be held following worship.
10. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.
11. Last week we received offerings of \$2,617. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

P: For God has dealt mercifully with us!

L: Even when we turned our backs on God,

P: God forgave us and restored us to life.

L: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

P: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

“Everlasting God” #9

“Now That You’re Near” #25

Passing the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself,



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Luke 12:15, NIV

‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Rich Toward God”

by

Pastor Peter Choi