

## Joys and Concerns

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

Happy Birthday to Jan Marlatt, Kevin Smith, Keven Schutz,  
Braylee Kring, Lena Choi, and Corey Smidt.

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Jane Craig—44 years,  
Tony & Julie Ratka—27 years, and  
John & Pat Mullin—56 years.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Music

“Doxology      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

## Offertory Prayer

Everything we have is yours, O God. Everything we have is yours! We put ourselves back into rightful alignment with you as stewards rather than possessors. Here, take what is yours, and bless it and us for your good in the world. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn “I Know Whom I Have Believed” UMH#714**

## 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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# ***Minden United Methodist Church***

## **Order of Worship**

**10:00 a.m.**

**August 7, 2022**

**9th 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 \$760. We will use this fund for new benches between the Middle School and the Activities Gym. Please consider your donations to the school.
2. Our annual Rummage Sale will be August 9 and 10 from 9 am to 7 pm and August 11 from 9 am to 1 pm. Following worship, please help us to bring all items to the fellowship hall.
3. Please mark on your calendar. Youth Group begins at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 17. Sunday school begins Wednesday, August 24 at 3:30 pm.
4. Bible Study, Threading the Bible, will only be at 5:00 pm this Tuesday; no 10:00 am class.
5. There will be adult Sunday school following worship.
6. 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. Send an email to [managerumcmin-den@msn.com](mailto:managerumcmin-den@msn.com) if you are interested and we will put you on the contact list for when practice will start.
7. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,027. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: God calls us here today.

**P: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.**

L: God calls YOU here today.

**P: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.**

L: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

**P: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.**

**AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH#395

## Passing the Peace of Christ

"The Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

## Children's Time

## Blessing of Backpacks

## Scriptures

Jodi Boudreau

### Luke 12:32-40 (NIV)

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

**"Have No FEAR"**

by

**Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

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