

Call to Worship

L: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

P: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

L: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

P: Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

L: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

P: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs

“Arise” #3

“Blessings” #49

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Doug Hammer

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’”

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Persistence of Prayer”

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Marge Madsen, Larry Anderson, Lori Conyer's Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Susan Fries, Zach Froid, Addison Klabunde, Louise Carlson, Jennifer Bauer, and George Sinsel.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

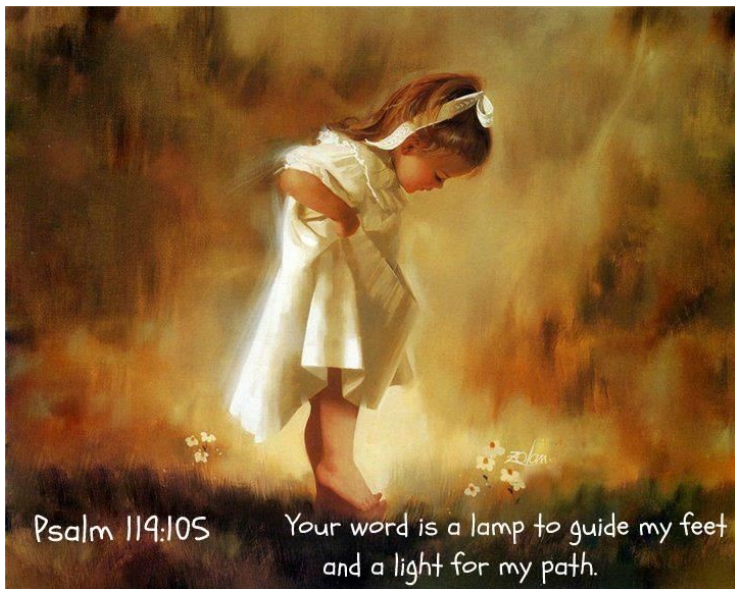
Closing Song

“I Will Follow” #36

Benediction

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and peace to all whom you meet. AMEN.

Sending Forth



Minden United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m.

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to remember, support, and pray for our church ministry. And if you want to support us with your gifts, get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter.
2. The annual stewardship program will begin on Oct. 23 for four weeks. Pastor Peter will talk about earning, saving, and giving with John Wesley’s Simple Rules.
3. The youth group will be at 6:30 pm on October 19.
4. All Saint’s Sunday service will be held during worship on November 6.
5. It is the time of year to begin collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. If you need a box, please pick it up at the back.
6. Please pick up your statement and stewardship letter in the back before you leave.
7. Join us for refreshments following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,682. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.