

## Call to Worship

L: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**P: From the storms and struggles of life, we come.**

L: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**P: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord, and you will be given the blessing.

**P: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

**Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" UMH#64**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

## Children's Time

## Scriptures

**Marilyn Rasmussen**

### 1 Kings 3:1-13 (NIV)

Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the Lord, and the wall around Jerusalem. The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the Lord. Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

### Proverbs 3:13-16 (NIV)

Blessed are those who find wisdom,  
those who gain understanding,  
for she is more profitable than silver  
and yields better returns than gold.  
She is more precious than rubies;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.

### James 1:5 (NIV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**  
**“If you could ask for anything?”**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Hymn**            **“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**            **TFWS#2173**

**Joys and Concerns**

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Leroy Smith,  
Marge Madsen, Larry Anderson,  
Lori Conyer’s Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Natalie Janda, Alvan Lux,  
Judy Hansen, Shane Heath and Hayzlee Kring.

**Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

**“Doxology        “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**Offertory Prayer**

You invite us, God, to taste and see that you are good. Well, we have tasted, and you are truly good. As a token of our gratitude and a reflection of our devotion, we give back to you from our abundance. Multiply the gifts of our hands, so they may double what we could do alone. To the glory and service of Jesus, Amen.

**Closing Hymn**            **”Precious Name”**            **UMH#536**

**Benediction**

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ’s love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve. AMEN.

**Sending Forth**



**United Methodist Church**  
**Minden, Nebraska**

**10:00 a.m.**

**October 23, 2022**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**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 has begun today. Pastor Peter will discuss earning, saving, and giving with John Wesley’s Simple Rules. On November 13, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in the final week. We invite you and your family to join us for a meal and fellowship.
3. All Saint’s Sunday service will be held during worship on November 6. It is a day of remembrance for the lives and work of church saints who have passed away.
4. It is the time of year to begin collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. If you need a box please pick one up.
5. During worship on December 18, we are going to have a Christmas program. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter.
6. Join us for refreshments following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,522. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.