

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Dick McBride, Rita Smith,
Steven Favinger, & Edna Carlson.

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Jodi Boudreau—34 years.

Prayer List: Lori Conyer's and family, Kent Verbeck,
Merlin Beahm and Marge Madsen.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Our Great God, Source of new life, we thank you for sending a Savior to our world. We believe you work through him to recreate us. Use these tithes and offerings to proclaim the good news of this new life, so others will find hope and fulfillment in him. We pray in his name. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH#140

Benediction

The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia. Amen.

Sending Forth

**Vision for 2023:
“Have Life,
and Have It Abundantly.”**



HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV

**United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
10:00 a.m.
January 1, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Our church leaders for 2023 will be recognized and blessed during the worship on January 15. All church leaders are invited to attend this special worship.
2. The Bible study, Threading the Bible: New Testament, will be at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on January 26, 2023. If you want to take the class, please contact the church office.
3. We are going to start a confirmation class in February 2023. The class will be for 12 weeks. If your kids are interested in the class, please get in touch with the church office.
4. There will be a refreshment following the worship.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$6,070. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

P: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

P: The Universe that God created sings its praise!

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UMH#160

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

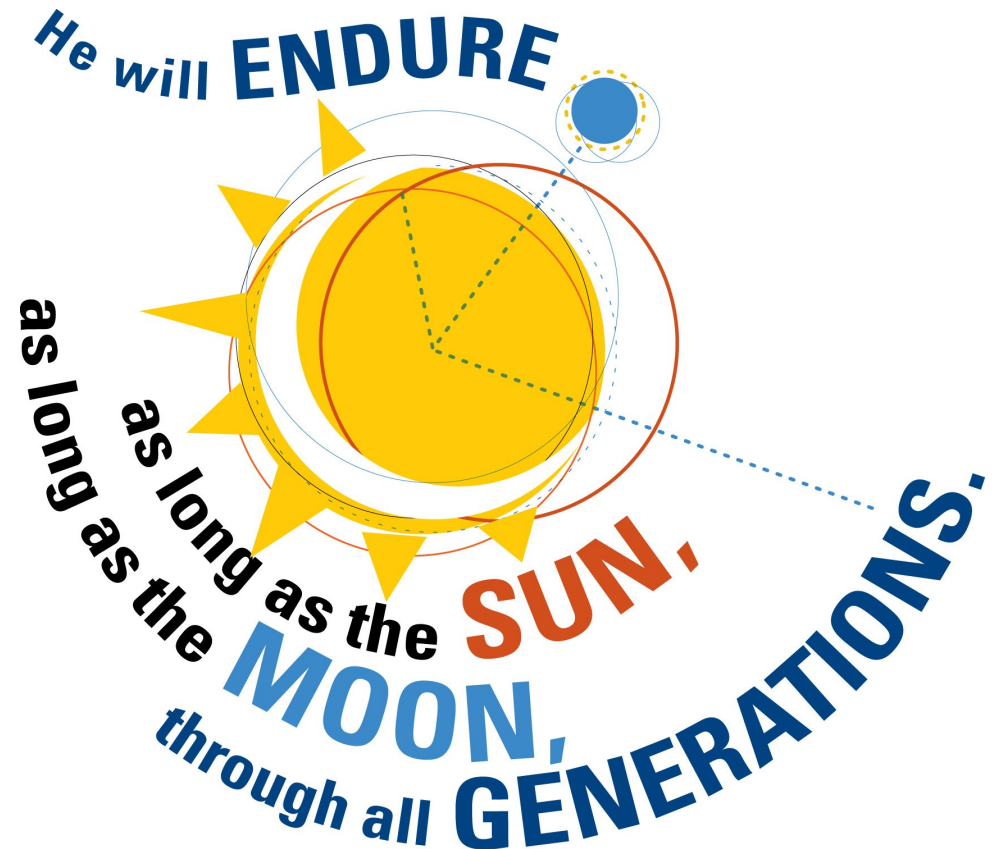
Scriptures

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
by
Tony Ratka

Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH#117



PSALM 72:5, NIV