

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives— in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community here and now. Amen.

Closing Song “Because He Lives”

Benediction

Those who live lives pleasing to God shall not be moved. Go now to embrace the kingdom values— values of love, justice, and truth. Go now with God’s blessing to live those values through the power of our challenging, faithful, loving, empowering God. Amen.

Sending Forth



**Vision for 2023: “Have Life, and Have It Abundantly.”
John 10:10 (NRSV)**

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska

10:00 a.m.

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

1. Committee chairs please plan a meeting. The church would like to see each committee meet at least twice a year.
2. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will meet at 10am and 5pm Thursdays. If you want to join the class, please come to the library at either time.
3. We will start a 12 week confirmation class at 5:30 pm on February 15, 2023. If interested in the class, please get in touch with the church office.
4. The Lenten season begins on February 22. During the Lenten season, we will offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. Choose one of the 40 days to read the scripture and prayer from the Upper Room. Pastor Peter can record the video or you can record yourself and send it to peterchoiminden@gmail.com. Then he will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily.
5. Please volunteer for Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, Refreshment, and Daily Devotion. Join us in taking this opportunity for the ministries of the church.
6. Following the worship today our youth will host a lunch to raise funds for a mission trip. Everyone is invited to this special meal. Please come and support our youth.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,505. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: People of God, who do you come to worship?

P: We come to worship the one true God.

L: How will you worship?

P: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

L: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

P: Come and abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart, now and forever.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs “Now That You’re Near” #25
“Today is the Day” #32

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scriptures

Melissa Klabunde

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain-side and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “The Greater Gift!” **Pastor Peter Choi**

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Dudley Scharff and Mark Loseke.

Happy Anniversary: Dick & Kay Lyn McBride—56 years.

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Marge Madsen,
Merlin Beahm and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer