

Message
“The Unfinished Work of Christ.”
by Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Mike Froid, Jessie Tunnell, Gage Fries,
Doug Hammer, Jacey Smidt, and Braxton Janda.

Happy Anniversary to Mark & Melissa Klabunde—18 yrs
Larry & Sheila Anderson—51 years.

Prayer List: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Fred Will,
Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and John Burnham.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music—Special Music by Bell Choir
“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us, we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering for service in and to this world, which you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you. AMEN

Closing Song “I Will Rise”#41

Sending Forth

People of God receive the blessing of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Go now to live in Christian love and witness to the power of forgiveness in your homes, in your community, and even to the ends of the earth, until that day when Christ returns in glory. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Lena Choi

United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
7th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

May 21, 2023



Welcome and Announcements

1. Thank you all helpers for honoring all women on Mother's Day.
2. Thank you for supporting the youth group lock-in.
3. Confirmation Class will be Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
4. Bible Study, Threading the Bible, will be at 10:00 am this Thursday.
5. Vacation Bible School will be June 25-29. Mark this on your calendars; we need volunteers.
6. The clipboards are in the back if you want to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment Host.
7. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.

Call to Worship

L: We await God's instructions for our lives.

P: We eagerly look forward to learning more about ways to serve God.

L: The time is coming when our service will be needed here.

P: Let God's love flood through our service to others

L: Wait! Listen! The time is near!

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to hear your word for us today. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs "In Christ Alone" #12

"All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name"

UMH#155

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Doug Hammer

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.