

Message Pastor Peter Choi
"When Plans Don't Work Out."

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH#474

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Gordon Amstuz, Nancy Evans,
Joyce Jameson, and Dawn Moyer.

Happy Anniversary to Al & Lee Ann Lux—48 years and
Keven & Kathi Schutz—21 years.

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

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts of love. We are grateful for the extravagant grace that you have shown us in Jesus Christ, and we now return a portion of this abundance to you. Guide us to use it wisely for the building of your kingdom and for the proclamation of the gospel around the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Trust and Obey" UMH#467

Benediction

When you leave this place, go with confidence in God's gracious love and mercy. Go, ready to proclaim the good news and serve our Lord by caring for others. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude Lena Choi

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. June 25, 2023

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are thrilled to announce the start of Vacation Bible School! It begins today, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and will run until Thursday. This year's theme: Super-Hero Hotline! Today, at noon, we will be decorating the church to create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for VBS. If you have some free time, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you also want to help us with volunteers and helpers, please join us at 4:30pm today.
2. We are delighted to share the exciting news that all confirmation classes have been successfully completed! It's been a journey of learning, growth, and deepening our faith. Now, we eagerly look forward to Confirmation Sunday, which will take place on July 30th during our regular worship service. In preparation for this special occasion, each student will have the opportunity to meet with their assigned mentors two times.
3. Come and join us this Thursday at 10:00 am for our Bible Study session titled "Threading the Bible." We'll be exploring the fascinating connections and stories within the Scriptures.
4. Get ready for our Annual Rummage Sale starting on August 13th! We're accepting donations of clean and gently used items in room 103.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, we invite you to find the clipboards located at the back of the church.

Call to Worship

L: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

P: We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.

L: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

P: We humbly praise God for such a gift!

L: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

P: Praise be to God at all times and in all places!

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Nadine Fahrlander

Genesis 21:8-21 (NIV)

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring." Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.