

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, source of all abundance, bless now these gifts, we pray. Receive this offering. Receive our very lives. Fit us for humble, joyful ministry in your name. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH#526

Benediction

As you leave this gathering, hear God’s call to go! Go into the uncertainty of the journey ahead, trusting that of this you can be certain: God is with us, and we are sent out together. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sending Forth

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

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. June 11, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. Vacation Bible School will be June 25 through 29 from 5:30 pm through 7:30 pm. The title of VBS is Super-Hero Hotline. Ages are from kindergarten to 5th Grades. We are going to meet today at 5:30 pm with a meal. And we plan to decorate the Church after worship on June 25. More volunteers, helpers, and servers are needed. If you want to support us, please come to the meeting today at 5:30 pm.
2. Confirmation Class will be Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
3. Bible Study, Threading the Bible, will be at 10:00 am Thursday.
4. Annual Rummage Sale will start on August 13. You can start to bring clean and gently used items to room 103 on the south side of the Church.
5. We are going to pass the clipboards. If you want to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, refreshment host, or more, please write your name on the clipboards.
6. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.



Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship this day!

P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.

L: They shall be given to you.

P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.

L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. 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#64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882



Message

"Overcoming the Sense of Loss!"

Todd Seifert

Communications Director of the Great Plains UMC

Scriptures

Ezra 3:10-13 (NIV)

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord:

"He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever."

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Hymn "Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH#350

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Jackson Froid and Larry Anderson.

Happy Anniversary to

James & Jeanette Wilkinson—27 years.

Prayer List: Libby Williams, Kent Verbeck,

Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,

Fred Will, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and

John Burnham.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer