

## Recognition of Fathers

### Offertory Music

“Doxology      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

### Offertory Prayer

Lord of life, we thank you for your faithful provision / and care for our lives. We are grateful for the gifts over which you have made us stewards and caretakers. We now offer back to you our tithes and offerings. May our use of them help your kingdom to come. Bless the gifts and the givers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Closing Hymn      “Faith of Our Fathers”      UMH#710**

### Benediction

As you go from this place, go together and trust that when we follow the joy of God's call into the unknown, God will equip us and empower us for the work ahead because nothing is too wonderful for God! Amen.

### Sending Forth



## United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. June 18, 2023 Happy Father's Day!

### Welcome and Announcements

1. Vacation Bible School is around the corner. It starts from 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 Grade Kids. We will decorate the Church after worship on June 25. More volunteers, helpers, and servers are needed.
2. Confirmation Students will have a time of celebration as we finish all classes at 5:30 pm this Wednesday, June 21, at Big Apple in Kearney. Pastor Peter will give them a ride so please come to the church by 5:20 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. The clipboards are in the back if you want to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment Host.
6. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.

## Call to Worship

L: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

**P: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.**

L: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

**P: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.**

L: God is good; Praise be to God!

**P: The love and mercy of God never fail. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

**Loving God, you who are our father, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience.**

**Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring Your name and trusting Your grace. In the Name of Your Son, we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Opening Hymn

**UMH#110**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Time

### Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

**UMH#882**

## Scriptures

**Jodi Boudreau**

**Luke 15:20-24** (NIV)

So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### Message

**"Father's Love"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

### Hymn

**"This Is My Father's World"**

**UMH#144**

### Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Dan Frizane, MaryJo Froid, and Elizabeth Merrill.

Happy Anniversary to John & Jane Albers—54 years, Denny & Fran Lange—48 years, and Jeff & Loree Johnson—29 years.

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

### Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer