

## Message

Pastor Peter Choi  
"Hospitality, the Heart of Discipleship."

## Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Virginia Madsen & Aubree Kring.

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

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Music

"Doxology      "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

## Offertory Prayer

Mighty God, you have poured down on us all manner of gifts and blessings Give us the eyes to see those in need, the ears to hear those who cry for justice, and the hearts to comfort those hurting and grieving. If we all were to offer a cup of cold water, the world would be flooded with compassion. We ask this in Christ, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Special Music "One Bread, One Body"

Closing Song    #13 "Hope of the Nations"

## Benediction

The Holy Spirit is upon you to bless and empower you. Go, to keep the fires of God's love and justice burning wherever and whenever you can. Keep that spark burning in your heart and soul. Amen.

## Sending Forth

## Postlude

Lena Choi

# United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. July 2, 2023

## Prelude

Lena Choi

## Welcome and Announcements

1. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported and assisted our Vacation Bible School, including teachers, volunteers, leaders, meal servers, financial contributors, and those who have kept us in their prayers. We would like to give a special mention to Kathi Schutz for her exceptional dedication.

The VBS program has brought immense joy to all of us, and we encourage you to continue praying for and supporting our children's ministry as they are the future of our church and community.

2. Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday, which will be held on July 30th during our regular worship service.

3. Come and join us 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, located on the south side of the church.

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.

6. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments.

## **Call to Worship**

L: Good morning! Welcome to our church.

**P: We're glad to be here.**

L: Come let us worship with great joy the Lord who greets us.

**P: Let us praise God who lifts our hearts and spirits.**

L: Come on everyone, open your hearts to the Lord.

**P: Thank you, Lord, for your welcome through this church. AMEN**

## **Opening Prayer**

Ever-present God, we've come to praise your name and to honor you with our time, our gift, and our treasure. Help us steady our hearts and focus our minds on your presence among us. Accept our intentions to worship you alone, for you've given us power through your Spirit. We receive what you offer, and give you our thanks, through Jesus Christ, whose life, death & resurrection we celebrate! AMEN

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Opening Songs #17 Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)  
#20 Mighty to Save**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Children's Time**

**Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

**UMH#882**

## **Scriptures**

**Ed Rowse**

**Matthew 10:40-42** (NIV)

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

**Romans 6:12-14** (NIV)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**