

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Alaina Suchsland, Rhodell Jameson, Leah Boudreau, and Julie Ratka.

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Lonna Rowse—29 years, Rod & Linda Duffey—25 years, Kurt & Jennifer Muller—36 years, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist—59 years, and Gary & Deb Smidt—49 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

Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Hymn of Promise” UMH#707

Benediction

Get ready to go into God’s world. Bring messages of hope to all. As we have been blessed, may we bring blessings to all in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Sending Forth

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. July 23, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. Today, Kelly Wagner, Founder and CEO of Hope for Liberia has joined our worship today. Kelly and Ashley, Kelly’s Daughter, will share the ministry of orphaned children in Liberia and tell what God is doing in this ministry.
2. Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday. It will be held on July 30th, next Sunday, during our regular worship service.
3. We will have NO Bible study, “Threading the Bible” for this week.
4. Please continue to bring rummage sale items. We’re accepting donations of clean and gently used items in room 103, located on the south side of the church. Our Annual Rummage Sale starts on August 15.
5. There will be a blessing of the backpack and the school year during the regular worship, on August 13. Please bring all students with backpacks to the worship.
6. 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.
7. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments.

Call to Worship

L: We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred, which seem to abound.

P: For what can we hope?

L: We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

P: God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

L: Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

P: Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, here where we have gathered in your name. We need to hear your voice and learn from you. Speak to us of gentleness and strength. In your compassion, draw us into your merciful embrace. Hush the distracting thoughts clamoring for attention in our minds. Center our spirits in your peace. Open our hearts to your wise teaching, that we may grow wise and strong in the ways of your kingdom. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#694

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

John 9:1-3 (NIV)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Manifest What God Wants to Do”

Rev. Dae Young Choi

Hymn

UMH#500

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Sharing of the Orphaned Ministry in Liberia