

Offertory Music **Special Music by**
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“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

God of all blessings, we ask you this day to bless the gifts we offer, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Confirmation (see insert)

Bailee Fries	Zachary Klabunde
Byron Kring	Isabelle Martin
Sam Martin	Samuel Tunnell

Closing Song “A Mighty Fortress” #31

Benediction

Go forth with joy, celebrating all the many ways for us to serve our Lord. Give us courage, hope, peace, and love that we might bear these gifts to others. Go in peace. AMEN.

Sending Forth

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 9th Sunday after Pentecost Confirmation Sunday 10:00 a.m. July 30, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. We welcome all family and friends of confirmation students. Six students will be confirmed today: Bailee Fries, Zachary Klabunde, Byron Kring, Isabelle Martin, Sam Martin, and Samuel Tunnell.
2. We will have NO Bible study, “Threading the Bible” this week.
3. Please continue to bring rummage sale items. We're accepting donations of clean and gently used items in room 103 on the south side of the church. August 13th -Set up after church. August 14th -Set up and pricing. August 15th through 17th, Sales.
4. 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.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, we invite you to find the clipboards at the back of the church.
6. Statements are available in 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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing.

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is He that made us, and we are His;

P: we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

P: Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

L: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

P: and His faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, we come before you this morning with praise and thanksgiving. Open our minds to what you teach us. Open our hearts to your love and enable us to love you in a new and more profound way. Open our souls to the joy that can only be found in you. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Song "Here I Am to Worship" #22
"Arise" #3



Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Isabelle Martin

Hebrews 11:13-16 (NIV)

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"No Turning Back!"

Rev. Changtaek Kim

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Pat Mullin, Mikaela Froid, Orlan Grams, Melissa Klabunde, and Jerzee Smidt.

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

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer