

Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH#526

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Randy Nolan, Aiden Sinsel,
Nadine Fahrlander, Hailey Choi, Elta Kern,
and Anna Sinsel.

Happy Anniversary to Scott & Dee Maxon—21 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

God of compassion and mercy, the yoke the Bible describes doesn’t burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Marching to Zion” UMH#733

Benediction

As you go from this place, remember: Christ offers his yoke to you, promising to come alongside and stick with you no matter where your journey takes you. So, when your week gets hard, when you feel like you are at your wits’ end, when the overwhelm is too much, Christ holds out his yoke to you. Will you take it? Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Lena Choi

**United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
6th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
July 9, 2023**

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Kelly Wagner, Founder and CEO of Hope for Liberia will join our church on July 23 for our regular worship. Ashley and Kelly will share the ministry of orphaned children in Liberia and tell what God is doing in this ministry.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments.

Call to Worship

L: Come on in and find some rest!

P: We need that rest, for we are weary!

L: Come on in and discover peace!

P: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

L: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

P: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Michael Boudreau

Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30 (NIV)

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

“‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Yoke of Christ”

Pastor Peter Choi