

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Jentry Olsen, Jaxyn Olsen, Marah Dornhoff, and Steve Maulsby.

Happy Anniversary to John & Pat Mullin—57 years, and Mike & Lori Conyers—32 years.

Prayer List: Joe Hultquist, 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

The richness of God’s mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel. AMEN.

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” UMH#593

Benediction

You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace. AMEN.

Sending Forth

United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
11th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
August 13, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. Following worship, please help us to bring all rummage sale items to the fellowship hall. Tomorrow, the 14th, we are going to set up and price items. Our Annual Rummage Sale will be from 9 am - 7 pm on August 15th and 16th and from 9 am - 1 pm on August 17th.
2. We have Bible study, “Threading the Bible” this Thursday at 9:30 am.
3. 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.
4. Church Conference will be at 7:00 pm, on October 26 at Kearney First United Methodist Church. Please prepare for the conference and complete all work before the date.
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: When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

P: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

L: When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea.

P: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

L: God stands with you in bright sunshine and the deepest storm.

P: God gently guides us to safety and peace.

Thanks be to God. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy, and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH#156

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Blessing of Back Packs

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Shirley Fellers

Message

"Time to Walk on the Water"

by

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH#496