

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Gary Smidt and Lonna Rowse.

Happy Anniversary to Tim & Susan Tunnell—23 years.

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Libby Williams,
Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,
Merlin Beahm, and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

UMH#575

Benediction

The world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer. Go forth in joy and peace to be God's witnesses this day and all your days. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
August 27, 2023

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We will be holding a Bible study session titled "Threading the Bible" this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
2. We are seeking Wednesday school teachers and volunteers. A meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th. If you'd like to support us, please join the meeting.
3. Youth Group will resume at 6:30 p.m. on Sept 13th.
4. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard.
5. Pastor Peter will be attending a network leader meeting in North Platte on Tuesday, August 29.
6. We invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments, including coffee and cookies, following the worship service.

Call to Worship

L: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

P: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.

L: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

P: Blessed be God who watches over us.

L: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

P: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our Savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Who Is Jesus?”

by

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

“The Church's One Foundation”

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