

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

In gratitude for all that we have received from you, O Lord, we offer our tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church in this world which hungers and thirsts for love and peace. AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Precious Name” UMH#536

Benediction

The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do. Go in love, offering healing and hope to others. Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service. AMEN.

Sending Forth

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



Welcome and Announcements

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. We will have Bible study, “Threading the Bible” this Thursday at 9:30 am.
4. August Newsletter is ready to pick up in the back if you want a printed one.
5. Contribution Statement for the first half of this year is in the back. Please pick up the statement.
6. Finance Committee Meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
7. 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.
8. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments.



Call to Worship

L: Good Morning! Welcome to a celebration of God's love for us!

P: We surely need to see that love; stresses weigh us down.

L: You've come to the right place. This is a place where all of us can seek God's presence and share our deepest inmost concerns with God.

P: We are glad to hear that, for we wrestle with our faith far too often.

L: Don't fear! God is with you always, loving and transforming your lives.

P: Lord of mercy and compassion, be in our hearts this day. Help us to reach out with love to others. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations that seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. AMEN.



Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn **UMH#61**
"Come, Thou Almighty King"



Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
Tony Ratka

Hymn

UMH#128

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Marcia Fries, Brooke Greving, Nathan Martin, Jan Marlatt, Kevin Smith, Keven Schutz, Braylee Kring, Lena Choi, and Corey Smidt.

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Ginger Frizane—57 yrs, Dave & Jane Craig—45 years and Tony & Julie Ratka—28 years.

Prayer List: Family & Friends of Rhodell Jameson, Libby Williams, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Fred Will, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and John Burnham.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer