

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Larry Snavely, Tim Tunnell, and Elaine Curren.

Happy Anniversary to Dudley & Michelle Scharff—29 yrs.

Prayer List: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

Special Music by Carrie & Holly Taylor

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way. And create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn “The Day of Resurrection” UMH#303

Benediction

Travelers on the journey of faith, pay attention! God is at work all around you. May you go ready to witness the signs of God's love in your midst and to be a sign of God's love wherever you go. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth



United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. September 10, 2023

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We have a special guest from The Gideons International. They place and distribute the Word of God to over 200 countries. If you want to support the ministry, please see the paper inserted in the bulletin.
2. United Faith in Women will have a meeting this Wednesday, September 13, at 9:30am.
3. Please pray for the children's and youth's ministry. Wednesday School will be at 3:30 pm and Youth Group at 6:30 p.m. on September 13.
4. Finance Meeting Wednesday at 7:00pm.
5. We will be holding a Bible study, "Threading the Bible", Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
6. The District Meeting of United Faith in Women will be held on September 30 at our church.
7. The Church Conference is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 26th at Kearney First United Methodist Church. Please prepare for the conference and complete all necessary tasks before this date.
8. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard in the back.
9. 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: Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.

P: We praise God for God's presence with us!

L: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

P: We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

L: Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

P: Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace to our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Exodus 12:1-4 (NIV)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

Exodus 12:11-14 (NIV)

This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Awake, Christ is Coming"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Your Love, O God"

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