

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Deb Smidt, Fred Will, Rod Duffey,
Maryls Farm and Jeff Johnson.

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
"I am Jesus' Little Lamb"

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, just as you made a way for the Israelites in their time of need, you continue to make a way for us in our lives today. We bring these offerings before you, not as a mere duty, but as an act of faith and obedience. May these gifts be a testament to our faith in your unfailing love and your ability to make a way when there seems to be no way. We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.

Closing Song "Blessed Be Your Name" #5

Benediction

Go in peace into God's world to serve and help others. Go in the confidence of God's presence with you. Go into this world with messages of hope and reconciliation. Go in love. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Lena Choi



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
Sept. 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. We have no gathering this week for Wednesday School due to parent/teacher conferences.
2. We will be holding a Bible study session titled "Threading the Bible" this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
3. The District Meeting of United Faith in Women will be held on September 30 at our church.
4. The Church Conference is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 26th at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Please prepare for the conference and complete all necessary tasks before this date.
5. 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. There is also a volunteer sheet for Wednesday School snacks and drinks.
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: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

P: The Lord is our strength and our power!

L: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

P: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

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

P: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. 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 Songs “Awakening” #57

“Today is the Day” #32

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Ed Rowse

Exodus 14:19-31 (NIV)

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

**“Together, We’ll Cross
the River Leading to Redemption .”
Pastor Peter Choi**