

Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

UMH#389

### Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Avery Froid & Jenae Boudreau.

Prayer List: Joe & 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, as we bring our offerings before you today, we are reminded of your faithfulness in providing for the Israelites in the wilderness. Just as you provided manna from heaven, you continue to sustain us. Bless these gifts, our tithes, and offerings. May they be used to nourish and sustain the work of your kingdom here on Earth. We give with grateful hearts, knowing that you are our ultimate Provider. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

UMH#586

“Let My People Seek Their Freedom”

### Benediction

Go forth into God’s world as God’s own children. Let the love of Christ be reflected in your life and your deeds. Go with joy to serve the Lord. AMEN.

### Sending Forth



# United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave

Minden, Nebraska

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Sept. 24, 2023

### Welcome and Announcements

1. The District Meeting of United Faith in Women (UMW) will be held this Saturday, September 30, at our church. All ladies are invited to this special meeting.
2. Wednesday Children’s School will be at 3:30 p.m. and Youth Group will be at 6:30 this Wednesday.
3. We will be holding a Bible study session titled "Threading the Bible" this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
4. 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.
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 and Youth Group.
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: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

**P: Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

**P: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

L: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**P: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

Lord, who lifts us up, resides in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Opening Hymn

**UMH#139**

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Time

### The Apostles' Creed

**UMH#882**

### Scriptures

**Jane Craig**

#### **Exodus 16:2-15 (NIV)**

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

**"God's Sustaining Grace in the Wilderness!"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**