

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, as you invite us to your table at the great banquet, we bring our tithes and offerings with grateful hearts. May these offerings be used to share your love and blessings with others, just as you have generously shared your love with us. Please bless these gifts, Lord, and use them to make a difference in the lives of those in need. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Song “A Mighty Fortress” #31

Benediction

You have received blessing upon blessing from the Lord. Now, go into the world offering hope and peace to all people you meet. Be involved in justice and healing ministries in the name of the Lord. Go in peace, AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Lena Choi



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
20th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
October 5, 2023**

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. The annual stewardship program will begin on October 22 during worship, and it will be held for four weeks. Pastor Peter will lead a four-week sermon series with the title “A Flow of Gratitude.” On November 12, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in the final week. We invite everyone to this sacred time.
2. The Church Conference is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 26th at Kearney First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited, and two leaders are at least needed to hold our church conference there.
3. Scouting for Food is on Saturday, October 28th. If you would like to donate, please bring items before the date and put them in the cart by the main entrance.
4. All Saint's Sunday service will be held during worship on November 5. It is a day of remembrance for the lives and work of church saints who have passed away.
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.
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: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

P: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

L: What joy we have in God's presence!

P: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

L: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs "Shout to the Lord"
"Jesus Messiah" #42

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

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Scriptures

Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)

Nadine Fahrlander

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

**"The Great Banquet:
Understanding God's Abundant Grace."
Pastor Peter Choi**

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Susan Fries, Addison Klabunde, Zachary Froid, Louise Carlson, Jennifer Bauer, and George Sinsel.

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