

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Natalie Janda and Al Lux.

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

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

O Gracious God, in gratitude for your abundant love, we lift up these financial offerings, praying that they may be used to proclaim your love for all, especially those who are hurting from poverty or loneliness or depression or grief or injustice. In Christ's name, Amen.

Closing Hymn “Precious Name”

Benediction

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go no, beloved, to serve. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude



Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. The Church Conference is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 26th at Kearney First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited, and we need at least two leaders to conduct our church conference there.
2. Scouting for Food will take place on Saturday, October 28th. If you would like to donate, please bring items before that date and place them in the cart by the main entrance.
3. On October 29th, our youth group is hosting a lunch to raise funds for a mission trip. We invite everyone to this special event.
4. All Saints' Sunday service will be held during worship on November 5th. It is a day of remembrance for the lives and work of church saints who have passed away.
5. On November 12th, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in the final week. We invite everyone to this sacred time and invite you and your family to join us for a meal and fellowship.

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Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
October 22, 2023

Call to Worship

L – We gather this morning as a grateful people who have received many gifts from God.

P – God created this beautiful natural world to sustain us and then gave each of us the precious gift of life.

L – We are grateful for all sorts of plants: for peaches and strawberries, for roses and orchids, for green grass and colorful trees, for coffee beans, as well as cacao beans, which make chocolate.

P – We are also grateful for all sorts of animals: for giraffes, deer, antelope, eagles, geckos, praying mantises, and cows, as well as dogs, cats, bunnies, and all of our other pets.

L – We are thankful for the people around us.

P – We are thankful for families, neighbors, and so many friends.

L – Come, let us join to praise and worship God, who gives us so many blessings.

P – We worship with glad and grateful hearts for all that God gives.

Opening Prayer

O God of Abundance, today we especially remember all of the blessings that you have given us. You created the entire natural world with all of its wonderful species of plants and animals. We received the gift of life itself from you. We are also very thankful for the gift of family and friends. We are thankful for this spiritual community, Minden United Methodist Church, which sustains us in good times and bad, through the joys of life and through life's sorrows. Finally, we give a special thanks for your love, manifested in the teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Help us to always reflect your love as his disciples. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

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“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
“A Grateful Leper”
Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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