

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Knox Smidt, Alaina Boudreau,
Karli Havens, Mark Klabunde, and Malcom Dornhoff.

Happy Anniversary to Chris & Lisa Cohen—29 years.

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

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

UMH 545

“The Church's One Foundation”

Benediction

The Banquet of God's love has been given to you. You have received blessing upon blessing. Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign. Bring peace and hope in Christ's Name to all you meet. God's peace and love be with you now and always. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. October 8, 2023



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. Please prepare for the conference and complete all necessary tasks before this date.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. We invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments, including coffee and cookies, following the worship service.
5. Today following worship there will be a nomination Committee Meeting.
6. Wednesday, October 11th, United Methodist Women meet at 9:30am, SPRC meets at 4:30pm, Youth Group at 6:30pm and Finance Meeting at 7:00pm.
7. Thursday, October 12th, Ad Council will meet at 7:00pm.

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

P: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

L: Here you will find nourishment and hope.

P: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

L: Here you will find rest from your struggles

P: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you have called us to be your faithful witnesses. We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again to you, living in your household of freedom and peace, of reconciliation and witness. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH#365

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Lori Conyers

Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Rebellion in the Vineyard" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Grace Alone"

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