

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayer

Please unite your heart with mine in prayer:

O Gracious God, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to consecrate these estimates of giving cards and bless all who gather here for this service. Through your Spirit, help us to experience a transformation in our lives and joy in our hearts as we re-commit ourselves to the financial support of this church, which we love so much.

Guide and strengthen our community of faith. Help us to proclaim the Good News of your love. Where there is darkness, help us to bring your light.

Where there is suffering, help us to bring your mercy. Where there is injustice, help us to establish your justice. Where there is hopelessness, help us to bring your hope. Where there is hatred, help us to bring your love. Where there is war and violence, help us to bring your peace.

Through these financial commitments and through our other commitments, grant that our church may be a transformative force in the world. In Christ's name, we pray.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” UMH#462

Benediction

Go now into God's world, ready and willing to be loving, trusting, and generous people. Go with the assurance that God's Spirit is within you, making it evident that you are a child of God who cares for all of God's children and desires to bring them to Christ. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska 24th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. November 12, 2023 Consecration Sunday

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Today is a day of commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of making a difference in our church, community, and the world. Before you leave this sanctuary, please drop off your commitment card in the offering plate. Alternatively, you can mail the card to the church or drop it off at the church office.
2. Everyone is invited to a lunch in the fellowship hall following worship. Please join us as we celebrate our ministry and share Christian fellowship together.
3. We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoeboxes. Please feel free to pick up as many empty shoeboxes as you need at the back of the sanctuary and return them by November 19th, next Sunday. You can fill these shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and other small gifts. For more information, please refer to the brochure at the back.
4. We are planning Homecoming Sunday with a Christmas program during our worship on December 17th. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter. Additionally, we will be offering church membership and baptism on this day. If you or your family wish to receive membership and baptism, please contact Pastor Peter or the church office. Lastly, please mark this exceptional program on your calendar and invite those who haven't come to the church for a while.
5. SPRC meeting at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15th.

Call to Worship

L: My friends, we gather to worship God and serve the Christ.
How, then, shall we live?

P: With joy and justice, we will carry the light of Jesus.

L: We come from diverse backgrounds, we don't all think alike,
we have differing gifts and needs. How, then, shall we live?

P: With gratitude and generosity of Spirit, we will bear Christ's light.

L: We pledge to love what God loves, to serve those whom God
cares for. How, then, shall we live?

**P: Believing in, caring for, proclaiming, and sharing the
love that Jesus bears for us and for all, let us advance the
work of God's heart in all we do!**

Opening Prayer

O Generous God, be present with us during this Consecration
Service. Help us to remember with gratitude all of those who
came before us in this church. Help us also to look towards
the future; make us open to new ministries that you call us to
undertake. Open our eyes and help us to envision the many
ways in which we can transform the world through the minis-
tries that you give us. All of this we pray in the name of
Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Mike Boudreau

The Apostles' Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Lori Conyers

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were
put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple
treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor
widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only
a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this
poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the oth-
ers. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her pov-
erty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"There Is Profound Joy in Giving Freely and Generously" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

UMH#389

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Michelle Scharff, Zander Sinsel,
Kay Lyn McBride, Paul Heath, Megan Conyers,
Kelly Mills, and Jason Smidt.

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

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

The Consecration of Estimate of Giving Cards

Leader: Today, we remember all the people who came be-
fore us in this church. We remember and give thanks for
their work and sacrifices to establish this church and build it
up, as a community of faith and a beacon, proclaiming
God's love.

**People: As we give thanks for those who came before
us, we also re-commit ourselves to the financial sup-
port of this church.**

Leader: God also asks us to support our church through our
prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our witness.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we re-commit our-
selves to supporting our church through our prayers, our
presence, our gifts, and our witness. Amen.**