

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayer

Lord of peace and serenity, receive the gifts we bring this day as we present them in thankfulness and joy. We bring ourselves as our offering that in living lives of truth, justice, honor, and excellence, we might please you and be worthy of your never-failing love and presence with us. Grateful that Christ and the Holy Spirit might dwell in us, we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Closing Song “Here I am, Lord”

Benediction

Sending Forth

As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go, and the God of peace will always go with you. AMEN.

Postlude

Lena Choi



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
25th Sunday
after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
November 19, 2023**

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Thank you for sharing your estimate of giving with our church for next year. You are an important part of the ministry of our church and God's work in our community and the world. We have pledges for \$98,580 for 2024. If you have not returned your estimate of giving commitment cards yet, I encourage you to return your card. Your commitment makes it possible for us to budget, plan, and provide appropriate resources for our ministries.
2. Today is our last day to collect and fill the Christmas Shoe Boxes. Please bring filled boxes and items by today.
3. 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 invite those who haven't come to the church for a while.
4. The Advent season begins on December 3rd, and we are looking for five families to light the Advent candles. If your family is interested, please contact the church.

Call to Worship

L: We lift our eyes to the Lord.

P: God created the heavens and the earth

L: We raise our voices in songs and speech

P: We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

L: Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

P: Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your Holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs

“Revelation Song” #10

“You Never Let Go” #47

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

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Scriptures

Shirley Fellers

Philippians 4:4-13 (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.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

**"A Heart of Thanksgiving:
Rejoicing in Every Circumstance"
Pastor Peter Choi**

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Jean Scharff, Tyler Nolan, Sandra Space, Lynette Beahm and Laurie Clement.

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Joyce Jameson, Dan Frizane, Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, Peggy Rasmussen, & Michelle Erickson.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer