

**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Day of Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
May 19, 2024**



Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Due to Pastor Peter's ordination service, our worship on June 9th will be held at 9:30 AM at the church. If you would like to attend the service in person, please arrive at the Silver Ballrooms at the Younes Center in Kearney by 9:30 AM.
2. Vacation Bible School will take place from June 23-27, from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. With the curriculum of Camp Firelight, our theme for this year is based on Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. There are various ways to volunteer, and we kindly ask you to sign up with your name on the Volunteer Sheet at the entrance."
3. From this Tuesday, May 21st, until June 5th, Pastor Peter's family will be visiting South Korea for two weeks. If you need to contact him, please email peterchoiminden@gmail.com.
4. The 2024 session of the Great Plains Annual Conference will be June 6-9 at Younes Center in Kearney, Nebraska. Please pray that it may be a time of bearing fruit.
5. Last weeks we received offerings of \$2,610.

Call to worship!

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather here on this blessed day of Pentecost, we come before you with hearts. We thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, who descended upon the apostles and filled them with courage, wisdom, and understanding. On this day, we seek to open ourselves to the same outpouring of Your Spirit. Fill us, O Lord, with Your presence. Ignite within us the fire of Your love. Grant us the gifts of discernment. And bless us with unity so that we may be one body, united in faith and purpose. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Dave Craig
Mike Froid
Jessie Tunnell
Gage Fries
Doug Hammer
Jacey Smidt

Happy Anniversary to

Mark & Melissa
Klabunde—19 years

Prayer List:

Doug Fellers
Larry Anderson
Merlin Beahm
Peggy Rasmussen
Kent Verbeck

May 19-25, 2024
Sunday

11:00am Adult
Sunday School

Monday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

**Vision for 2024:
All things work
together for good.
(Romans 8:28)**

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Songs "Here I Am to Worship" #22
"Hallelujah" #17

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Innocent Suffering: Navigating the Depths of Human Experience. Part 2."
Pastor Peter Choi

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Precious Lord, we hunger for the light and strength that only the Spirit can bring. Feed us and strengthen us as we learn to feed others. Fill us with the breath of your spirit as you search our hearts. Take our lives as proof of our faithfulness. Take our gifts as proof of our love. Use them for your purpose here on earth. Amen.

Closing Song

"Forever" #8

Sending Forth

God, out of God's great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God's world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all. Go in peace. AMEN.



Postlude

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