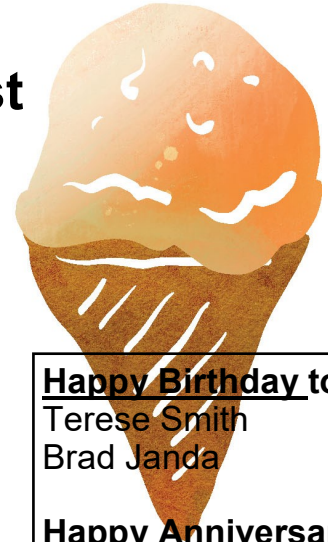


**United Methodist Church**  
**340 N Newell Ave**  
**Minden, Nebraska**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**August 18, 2024**



**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Video**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual rummage sale.
2. Our community will hold a "Prayer Walk for Our Schools". Today, August 18, meet at the front door of CL Jones Elementary School at 4:00 p.m.
3. Movie Night: Beyond Utopia. This Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., you are all invited to a very special film. The film follows the harrowing journey of North Korean defectors as they risk everything to escape their harsh homeland.
4. Please volunteer to be a scripture reader, usher and greeter, or refreshment host. If you want to serve our church and ministry, please write your name on the sheet in the back.
5. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$2,220.

**Call to worship!**

**L:** Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

**P:** We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

**L:** God's works are great!

**P:** We delight in learning about them.

**L:** Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

**P:** With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives.  
**AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, as we come together in worship today, we are thankful for Your guidance and wisdom. Guide us to walk wisely, filled with Your Spirit, so that our lives overflow with gratitude and joy. May our worship reflect our desire to align with Your will and shine Your light. We offer this time to You, asking for Your presence and grace to fill our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Happy Birthday to**  
Terese Smith  
Brad Janda

**Happy Anniversary to**  
Jim & Virginia  
Madsen—18 years

**Prayer List:**

Lee Mills  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Peggy Rasmussen

**August 18-24, 2024**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**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 "The Heart of Worship"  
"My Savior My God"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

KayLyn McBride

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Guided by Spirit: Wisdom and Joy in Our Journey" Pastor Peter Choi

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

Offering

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#95

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for the many blessings You have given us and for the ways You provide for our needs. We offer these gifts as an expression of our love and commitment to Your work in the world. May they be used to further Your kingdom and to bring hope and healing to those in need. Bless both the gift and the giver and guide us in using our resources wisely to serve others and honor you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song "Everyday"

Sending Forth

As we leave this place of worship, may we carry with us the wisdom and grace we have received. Go forth with hearts full of gratitude, ready to live wisely and make the most of every opportunity. Let the Spirit guide you, and may your lives reflect the light and love of Christ in all you do. Amen.

Postlude

Lena Choi

