



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m., October 13, 2024

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are holding a fundraiser for Youth Group and Children's ministry in October.
2. The Annual Charge Conference will be on November 17. Please submit all documents by October 17.
3. Please volunteer to be a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you want to serve our church and ministry, write your name on the sheet in the back.
4. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$4,675.

Call to worship!

L: As we gather today, we seek the vision that comes from God.

P: Without vision, we lose our way, but with God's vision, we are guided in truth and love.

L: Today, we ask: How can we fulfill God's vision for us and for our church?

P: We are the body of Christ, many parts working together in unity, each with a purpose in God's plan.

L: Let us open our hearts to God's Spirit, trusting that His power will work through us, uniting us in His mission.

P: Together, we seek to fulfill God's vision, knowing that through Him, all things are possible. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, You have called us together as the body of Christ, each of us with unique gifts and roles to play in fulfilling Your mission. Help us to work in unity, to encourage one another, and to seek Your guidance in all we do. As we gather in worship, fill us with Your Spirit and remind us that it is by Your power, not our own, that Your vision is accomplished. Grant us faith to trust in Your plans and courage to act as Your instruments in the world. Speak to us now, Lord, and lead us in Your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who unites us as one. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Happy Birthday to

Malcom Dornhoff
Susan Fries
Zachary Froid
Addison Klabunde
Louise Carlson

Prayer List:

Denny Lange
Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson

October 13-19, 2024

Sunday

Monday

Columbus Day
WIC

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30pm Wednesday
School

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

Band Fest 1pm

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

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Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV) Unity and Diversity in the Body

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Body of Christ: Each Part Matters"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH#593

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

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we bring before You our gifts, our offerings, and ourselves.

We give not out of obligation, but in response to Your abundant grace and the vision You have for us. As we offer these gifts, may they be used to further Your work in our church and community. Help us, as the body of Christ, to work together in unity, each playing our part in fulfilling Your mission. Guide us in using these resources wisely, so that through Your power, Your vision may be realized in us and through us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

Closing Hymn

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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Sending Forth

As we go forth from this place, let us carry the vision of God in our hearts.

May we be the hands and feet of Christ, working together as His body, uniting our diverse gifts and passions for His purpose. Remember that we are called to support one another, encouraging each other to live into the potential God sees in us. Let us be bold in prayer, trusting that God's power will accomplish His will through us. Amen.

Postlude

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