

# United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m., October 20, 2024

Prelude Lena Choi

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

- 1. We are holding a fundraiser for the Youth Group and Children's Ministry in October. If you would like to support them, please note "Education Fund" on your check.
- 2. We continue collecting donations for Christmas Shoeboxes. Please feel free to pick up as many empty shoeboxes as you need from the back of the sanctuary. Boxes need to be returned by November 17. You can fill these shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and other small gifts. For more information, please refer to the brochure.
- 3. The 2024 Stewardship program, 'Transformed by Grace,' is scheduled to take place from October 27 to November 17 for four weeks. Please pray that through this program, our relationship with God will deepen, and our lives will be transformed.
- 4. The All Saints' Sunday service will take place during worship on November 3. It is a day of remembrance for the lives and work of church saints who have passed away after the first Sunday of November 2023 and throughout this year. If you would like to commemorate someone close to you who has passed but is not a member of our church, please contact our church office, and we will prepare a candle in memory of the deceased.
- 5. 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.
- 6. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
- 7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,682.

# Call to worship!

- L: Come, people of God, ready to embrace His vision for our lives.
- P: We come with courage, trusting in God's guidance.
- L: God calls us to step out in faith and commit our hearts to Him.
- P: We offer ourselves as living sacrifices, renewed by His transforming grace.
- L: Be strong and courageous, for the Lord is with you wherever you go.
- P: We will follow God's vision with courage and commitment. Let us worship the Lord together!

# **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, You have called us to be courageous, reminding us that You are always with us, no matter where we go. As we gather today, we ask that You fill us with boldness to trust Your vision for our lives and the commitment to live as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You. Transform our minds and renew our spirits so that we may discern Your will and follow Your path with unwavering faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and guide, we pray. Amen.

#### Happy Birthday to

Jennifer Bauer George Sinsel Natalie Janda

### **Prayer List:**

Jean Liebers
Denny Lange
Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson

#### October 20-26, 2024

Sunday Monday

Girl Scouts 7pm

#### Tuesday Wednesday

- 3:30pm Wednesday School
- 6:30pm Youth Group

# 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** 

"Awakening" & "Your Grace is Enough"

**Passing the Peace of Christ** 

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

**Josie Graham** 

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

#### Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) "A Living Sacrifice"

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Courage and Commitment in God's Vision"

**Pastor Peter Choi** 

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

Offering

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

## **Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, You have given us strength and courage to follow Your vision for our lives. As we offer these gifts to You, may they be a sign of our commitment to serve You faithfully. Bless these offerings and use them to advance Your kingdom on earth, transforming lives, renewing minds, and bringing hope to those in need. Guide us in using all that we have—our time, talents, and resources—for Your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# Closing Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

# Sending Forth

Go now with courage as people committed to living out God's vision in the world. Let your hearts be strong, knowing that the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Be transformed by renewing your mind and offering your lives as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. May you walk boldly in faith, trusting that God's grace will guide and sustain you in all things. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude Lena Choi

