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**United Methodist Church**  
**340 N Newell Ave**  
**Minden, Nebraska**  
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 a.m., November 10, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. On November 17, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in the final week of our four-week steward program. We invite everyone to this sacred time and encourage you and your family to stay for a meal and fellowship.
2. We are continuing to collect donations for Christmas Shoeboxes. Please feel free to pick up as many empty shoeboxes as you need from the back of the sanctuary. All filled boxes need to be returned by November 17.
3. Minden Community Christmas Choir will have practice at 4pm today at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.. Anyone is welcome to join. Public Performance will be December 8 at 5pm.
4. Finance Committee will meet Wednesday at 6:00pm.
5. SPRC will have a meeting at 7:15pm on Wednesday.
6. 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.
7. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,900.

**Call to worship!**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice!

**P: The Lord is near, and we give thanks!**

L: From God, we receive the peace which surpasses understanding.

**P: Jesus guards our hearts and our minds -**

L: No matter what we face, in times of little and in times of plenty

**P: Jesus guards our hearts and our minds.**

**Opening Prayer**

God, as we worship today, you know the worries that occupy our hearts. You know the hardships we face. Help us to feel you near us. May we sense your peace this day. May it soothe our souls and allow us to become beacons of light in a world where having enough is a worry for so many. May we find our contentment in you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

**UMH#882**

**Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**UMH#89**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

**Happy Birthday to**

Linda Montgomery

Kim Pearson

Michelle Scharff

Zander Sinsel

Kay Lyn McBride

**Prayer List:**

Lee Mills

Joe Hultquist

Larry Anderson

**Nov. 10-16, 2024**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

Veterans Day

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

3:30pm Wednesday

School

6:00pm Finance Mtg

7:15pm SPRC Mtg

**Thursday**

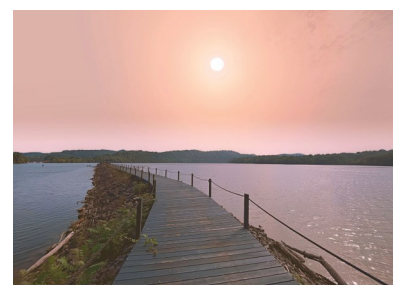
9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**Vision for 2024:**

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



**Philippians 4:1-19 (NIV)****Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**Final Exhortations**

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.

**Thanks for Their Gifts**

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. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“The Secret of Contentment”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Hymn**

**“It Is Well with My Soul”**

**UMH#377**

**Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

God of peace, we thank you for showing us that contentment does not lie in how much or how little we have, but rather flows from our relationship with you. We thank you for the gift of community that allows us to find support in times of need and to share from our abundance for the sake of others. Receive, multiply, and use our gifts to bless your people in the church and the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**

**UMH#715**

**Sending Forth**

As we go from this place today, may we carry with us the peace and contentment that comes from trusting in God’s provision. May we live with hearts of gratitude, sharing generously what we have, knowing that in Christ, we have enough. Go forth with the assurance that God’s grace is transforming you, and may your life reflect the abundance of His love. Amen.

**Postlude**

**Glen Haselbarth**