



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Consecration Sunday
10:00 a.m., November 17, 2024**

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Today, we celebrate our Consecration Sunday as the final week of our stewardship program. Please join us for meal in the fellowship hall following the worship.
2. Today is the last day to collect our Christmas shoeboxes. Please bring the boxes by today. The church will be open until 7:00 pm.
3. Today the 2024 Charge Conference is at the Kearney First UMC at 4:00 p.m. If you need a ride, please arrive at the church by 3:10 p.m., and we will depart together. The address for the First United Methodist Church is 4500 Linden Dr., Kearney, NE.
4. This year's Christmas program, titled *New Star*, will take place during the worship service on December 15. Our youth and children are practicing making this Christmas meaningful. Please mark your calendars. We hope everyone can join us for this precious time together.
5. The Advent season begins on December 1, and we are looking for families to help light the Advent Candles before each worship service. If you're interested, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.
6. Youth Group Wednesday at 6:30pm.
7. 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.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,536.

Call to worship!

L: Siblings in Christ, let us, who are created in God's image, praise God today!

P: We praise with our songs, our prayers, and our spiritual gifts!

L: We praise with our time, our energy, our resources.

P: We praise with our actions, our service, our creativity.

L: Lord, receive our praise this day

P: We want to be faithful to you with our whole selves.

Opening Prayer

God, as we worship you today, inspire us once again. Breathe winds of creativity, gusts of compassion and gales of generosity into our spirits. Lead us to be faithful, following in the way of Jesus, so that everything we have and everything we are can be harnessed for your loving purposes in the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Songs "10,000 Reasons" & "Give Thanks"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Happy Birthday to

Megan Conyers

Kelly Mills

Jason Smidt

Keller Koch

Jean Scharff

Prayer List:

Nadine Fahrlander

Lee Mills

Joe Hultquist

Larry Anderson

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Sunday

11:00am Consecration

Lunch following Worship

4:00pm Charge

Conference at First

United Methodist

Church in Kearney

Monday

WIC

7:00pm Girl Scouts

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)**

Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

Luke 16:1-13 (NIV) The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“A Disciple’s Lifestyle”

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys & Concerns

Time of Recommitment

Lord, today, we recommit our lives to You, making a new dedication to live according to Your will. We offer our time, resources, and talents to serve You, thanking You for Your grace and desiring to share that grace with the world. May our lives reflect Your love and purpose in all we do. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Lord, you have entrusted us with creativity, with time, with resources, with gifts and talents. Thank you. May we be faithful with all these blessings. Help us to use them in such a way that people will know we are your children by the light that we shine in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Closing Song

“Forever”

Sending Forth

As we leave this place, may we go with hearts filled with God’s love and minds committed to His purpose. Let us take the creativity and care He has entrusted to us and use it to serve Him in all we do. May we live as disciples of the light, faithfully managing all that God has given us, and investing in relationships that further His kingdom. Go in peace, knowing that you are called to be a blessing to the world, and may His grace guide you in all things. Amen.

Postlude

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