

**Sermon**  
**“For the Sake of Joy”**  
**Pastor Kayla Mangrich**

**Responsive Hymn** **UMH#577**  
**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**Joys and Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory**  
**Doxology** **UMH#94**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Closing Hymn** **UMH#671**  
**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** **Glen Haselbarth**

**August 10-16, 2025**

**Sunday**

Happy Birthday Braylee Kring

**Monday**

8am til finished Rummage Sale Pricing and Set up

Happy Birthday Lena Choi & Corey Smidt

8am-4pm WIC Clinic

**Tuesday**

9am-7pm Rummage Sale

Happy Anniversary Dave & Jane Craig—47 years

Happy Anniversary Tony & Julie Ratka—30 years

**Wednesday**

9am-7pm Rummage Sale

Happy Anniversary John & Pat Mullin—59 years

**Thursday**

9am-1pm Rummage Sale (Bag Sale)

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

Happy Birthday Jentry Olsen

**Saturday**

Happy Birthday Jaxyn Olsen

**United Methodist Church**  
**340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska**  
**Order of Worship**  
**August 10, 2025**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

1. School Prayer Walk is August 17th at 4:30pm. Meet in front to the CL Jones or East Elementary school.
2. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host, please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.
3. Rummage Sale is this week. **All volunteers need-ed** to carry items from storage room to fellowship hall following worship. Set up today and tomorrow. Sales dates are August 12, 9am-7pm, August 13, 9am-7pm and August 14, 9am-1pm bag sale.
4. Goodwill Truck will be in the parking lot from August 14 to August 20.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$3,845. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.



## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**Leader: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

One: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**Leader: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

One: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**Leader: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

One: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**Leader: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

One: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

**Leader: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Invocation**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Young Disciple's Lesson**



## **Scripture Proclamation**

**Lori Conyers**

### **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned. By faith Jericho's walls fell after the people marched around them for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn't killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace. What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured and refused to be released so they could gain a better resurrection. But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped; they were even put in chains and in prison. They were stoned to death, they were cut in two, and they died by being murdered with swords. They went around wearing the skins of sheep and goats, needy, oppressed, and mistreated. The world didn't deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground. All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us. So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

**The Word of God, for the people of God**

**Thanks be to God**