

**Doxology**

**UMH 94**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**Offertory Prayer**

For the blessings of this day and this life, we give thanks. We offer now these meager gifts as our way of acknowledging your role as the provider of all life. These gifts are not ours that we give to you; they are yours that we hold in trust. Bless in trust. Bless this portion that it might find its way to the least of those in this world. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**UMH 290**

**Benediction**

We have planted seeds on this day. We will now wait to see how the seeds will be nourished by God, trusting that God will take what we have promised and use it to further God's kingdom. Amen.

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# **Minden United Methodist Church**

**Order of Worship**

**November 15, 2020**

**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers  
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.**



**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Today is the last Sunday of the annual stewardship campaign. Please memorize this week's Bible verse in your bulletin, Philippians 2:5-7, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant."
2. Today is a consecration service. It is a time for us to consider our service to God and our neighbors and reflect upon the good gifts that God has entrusted to us. Please consider on a yellow card how you plan to steward God's gifts to you in the coming year.
3. Thank you for all donations for the Christmas shoebox. Kids around the world will enjoy this Christmas season with a gift-filled shoebox. Local believers share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children as they distribute them.
4. The Wednesday school is every Wednesday from 3:30PM until 5:00PM. We need prepacked drinks and snacks. Donations can be left in the kitchen or inside the west door labeled for Sunday School.
5. Next Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship there will be Charge Conference in the fellowship hall. Anyone is invited to attend.
6. Would anyone be interested in creating a lighted float for the Christmas City Parade on Friday, November 27? If so, let the office know by tomorrow.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$1915.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

### **Call to Worship**

L: God invites us to greatness.

**P: We are ready to go.**

L: God calls us to greatness through following in the footsteps of Jesus.

**P: We will follow Jesus into the greatness of his reign.**

L: God calls us to greatness through serving.

**P: We will serve God in all we do.**

L: God calls us to serve the poor, the rejected and the outcasts.

**P: They are children of God, and we will serve them gladly.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Gift-giving God, we are grateful for this day and the privilege of being able to promise a portion of what you have entrusted to us back to you. We pray that you would be present in a powerful way as we worship you. Loosen our tendency to hold tight to what we have. Open our clenched fists until we are eager to share more. We want to worship you with all things, especially our giving. Amen.

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Opening Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" UMH 286**

### **Children's Time**

#### **Scriptures**

Kay Lyn McBride

#### **Luke 21:1-4**

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message "Capacity and Essence!"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayer List...**

The Family of Lon Mills, Christy, Jeff Schutz, Marjorie Madsen, Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, and Lori Conyers's Parents.

#### **This week's birthdays:**

Paul Heath Kay Lyn McBride

Kristie Taylor Cindy Stubbs

Kelly Mills Megan Conyers

Jason Smidt Maxine Grams

John Jensen Jean Scharff

Linda Wubbenhorst

#### **This week's anniversary:**

Tom & Kristie Taylor—32 years

### **Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer**