

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Isaac Brayhorn (grandson of Elta Kern)  
family & friends of Melvin Reiss,  
family & friends of Tim Jameson, Gary Smidt, Linda Amstutz,  
Libby Williams, and Suzy Womack (friend of Kathy Schutz).  
Happy Birthday to Carolyn Olsen, Melanie Remmenga,  
Jane Albers, Alex Bauer, Dave Craig, Mike Froid,  
Anita Gleason, and Wade Melroy.  
Happy Anniversary to Mick & Valerie Jameson—18 years,  
Orlan & Dolly Grams—65 years, and  
Mark & Melissa Klabunde—16 years.

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

**“Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

## Offertory Prayer

With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us,  
we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering for service  
in and to this world, which you have entrusted to us. Bless  
these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you. AMEN.

## Closing Song

**“You Never Let Go”**

## Benediction

People of God, receive the blessing of Jesus Christ and the power  
of the Holy Spirit. Go now to live in Christian love and witness to  
the power of forgiveness in your homes, in your community, even  
to the ends of the earth, until that day when Christ returns in glory.

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# Minden United Methodist Church

## Vision for 2021:

**Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,  
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Order of Worship**  
**May 16, 2021**

## Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, please share with us on either one.
2. Last Wednesday was the last day of the after school program. Summer Sunday School will begin after Memorial Day at 9:00am before worship.
3. Following worship refreshments will be offered. If you are interested in being a refreshment host, please contact the church office.
4. Nancy Lambert will be retiring after eight years of working on the conference staff. Retirement Cards can be sent to Nance Lambert c/o Heather Clinger, 1207 SW Executive Drive, Topeka, KS 66615.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,500. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: Jesus promised to be with us always

**P: Lord, we are thankful for that promise.**

L: In all times, this promise gives us hope.

**P: Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us.**

L: Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

**P: Lord, we are so grateful that you have given to us so much and that you promise God's presence with us always. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

God of all glory, as we come to know your son  
through the living word of scripture,  
enlighten our hearts with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.  
Remind us again of Christ's authority over the church  
at all times and in all places.

Renew in us again our purpose as Christ's followers:  
to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins  
in the name of Jesus Christ to all people in all places.  
All glory and honor be to you, Christ Jesus. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Opening Song

**"I am Yours"**

## Children's Time

**Pastor Peter Choi**

## Scriptures

**Loneta Nolan**

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## Psalm 47 (NIV)

Clap your hands, all you nations;

shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome,  
the great King over all the earth.

He subdued nations under us,  
peoples under our feet.

He chose our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations;  
God is seated on his holy throne.

The nobles of the nations assemble  
as the people of the God of Abraham,  
for the kings of the earth belong to God;  
he is greatly exalted.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**"To the End of the Earth!" by Pastor Peter Choi**