



MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation
WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



September 13, 2020

Welcome Friends!

The Minnehaha church family is happy to welcome today's guests, wherever you may be in your personal faith journey. We strive to live in the way of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love on a daily basis regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history. We livestream our worship services, and you may end up in view of the camera at any point in the service.

Centering Music

New Morning

words and music by Bob Dylan

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Greeting and Calling into Worship

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

(adapted from Touch Holiness, ed. Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi)

God of the travelers, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that at times seems bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we walk through the wilderness together. *Amen.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

inclusive

Our Creator, God in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom^{*} come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. *Amen.*

^{*} *Kin-dom represents a hope for God's realm where we are all in community with one another.*

Congregational Response to Baptism of Violet Lee Stewart:

We welcome Violet Lee joyfully and reverently as a member of our family, the family of God. We offer ourselves to be brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandfathers and grandmothers in Christ. We accept our sacred responsibility to help her grow in faith and in God's love. Send your blessing and your peace upon this family, that their love for one another and for you may grow. Help us to see your image in this child that we may also learn from her what life is about.

Children's Message

Jenia Strom

Passing the Peace

Congregational Hymn

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

The Faith We Sing

words and music by Ruth C. Duck and Henry T. Smart

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Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

Message

"Crossing Into the Wilderness"

Sending Music

World Upside Down

words and music by Jimmy Cliff and Joseph Benjamin Higgs

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*"They say the world is spinning around,
I say the world is upside down..."*

Benediction

Worship Personnel

Rev. Becky Sechrist, *Pastor*,
Jenia Strom, *Program Director of Children, Youth, and Families*
Alex Rack, *Choir Director*, Anders Nelson, *Organist*,
Tim Siefkes and Josh Espinosa, *Contemporary Band Leaders*,
Nicholas Sabah, *Communion Steward*

Today's Musicians

Alex Rack, vocals
Michael Forrest, guitar
Anders Nelson, bass
Tim Siefkes, piano

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Announcements

- **Prayers of care:** Dean Wichman (*father of DeAnna Wichman*).
- **In Transitional Care:** Audrey Damon, following a fall. Arlyne Forsberg (mother of Diane Enge) also following a fall.
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Paula Barton, Scott Christianson (*son-in-law of Mary Doelz*), Joan Ellison, Kay Lintz (*sister of Jan Hougen*), Jordyn Meskan (*niece of Elaine Chadwick*), David Miller (*father of Kevin Miller*)
- **Healthcare workers:** Rene Cronquist, Deb Diko, Emma Dolphin, Andrea Ghizoni, Maggie Kappelman, Chloe Kennedy-Abdella, Quinn Kennedy-Abdella, Erinn Kennedy-Heldt, Paula Kocken, Kayla Hicks, Sarah Hicks, Trevor Hicks, Peter Johnson, Sue Johnson, Dan Nelson, Fred Peterson, Amy Ralph, D.R. Schroeder
- **Educators:** Jenny Ammerman, Judi Bartlett, Jill Carlton, Jason Emrick, Hayley Forrest, Rachel Hansberry, Tori Holtz, Allison Jessee, Tanya Ketcham, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Rita Miller, Kim Moren, Matthew Palombo, Alex Rack, Eric Strom, Meredith Webb, Marisa Zimmerman
- **Partnership Families:** The Dauds and Omars

#30DaysAntiRacism

The United Methodist Church invites us all to join together in September for 30 days of anti-racism. Each day we will engage in an activity that helps us to become more anti-racist in the ways we think and act. Share your progress with a picture or a reflection using #30DaysAntiRacism.

30 *days* of ANTI-RACISM

SEPTEMBER 2020		1 Pray about how God is calling you to act.	2 Draft your racial autobiography.	3 Participate in intercultural conversations.	4 Volunteer or donate in support of National Food Bank	5 Support diverse leadership.
6 Celebrate National Read-a-Book Day by purchasing an anti-racism resource.	7 Pray about how you can speak up about injustice this week.	8 Learn more about your local elections.	9 Engage in the difficult conversation.	10 Learn greetings and phrases in another language.	11 Be willing to be in the minority.	12 Support a local Black-owned business.
13 Listen to a preacher from a different cultural background than your own.	14 Plan to participate in an anti-racism demonstration.	15 Commit to continued learning in celebration of National Online Learning Day.	16 Engage in local community organizing.	17 Recognize racism in your community.	18 Find a mentor who is from a different cultural background than your own.	19 Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month.
20 Send your tithe or offering to a Black church.	21 Engage with and invest in young leaders dedicated to anti-racism work.	22 Celebrate National Voter Registration Day by registering to vote and helping another person to register.	23 Encourage an activist.	24 Support Black artists and musicians.	25 Amplify the voices of People of Color by inviting them as speakers at worship and other events.	26 Watch a documentary film or series about anti-racism.
27 Pray about how God is calling you to be more anti-racist.	28 Support non-profits engaged in the work of anti-racism.	29 Examine your implicit biases.	30 Commit to continuing the work of anti-racism in honor of National Love People Day.	  RELIGION & RACE The United Methodist Church www.gcorr.org		
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For more information, including an online course called "Anti-Racism 101: Required Skills for White People Who Want to Be Allies" and others, go to <https://www.gcorr.org/30-days-of-anti-racism/>