



## MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Reconciling Congregation*  
WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



November 15, 2020

*Welcome Friends!*

We welcome you to worship wherever you may be in your faith's 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. If you are new to our church community, please fill out some information about yourself in the "visitor" tab of our website. You can learn a little bit more about us, and get yourself added to our email information lists.

### Greeting

#### Lighting of Candle

performed by Anders Nelson

*Be Thou My Vision*

traditional

### Prayers

#### Sharing Joys and Concerns

#### Morning Prayer

*(adapted from [Touch Holiness](#), ed. Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi)*

Almighty God, you have created a place for the sun, the moon, and all the stars in the sky and are present to all things in all times and yet never can be contained. We know that you are not limited to the houses of worship that we built, but cannot gather in for worship right now. We give thanks that your love always shelters our worship. Bless the places we are right now, bless the ways we gather, and bless the love we share with one another and with your whole world. May your touch of peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always find you in our midst, even finding you among the least likely of our kindred. *Amen.*

#### Silent Prayers

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Jacques Berthier

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-711192 All rights reserved.

performed by Anders Nelson

## The Lord's Prayer

*inclusive*

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

Thy kin-dom<sup>\*</sup> 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.*

<sup>\*</sup>*Kin-dom represents a hope for God's realm where we are all in community with one another.*

## Children's Message

Jenia Strom

## Passing the Peace

## Congregational Hymn

### *What Gift Can We Bring*

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

Jane Marshall (1980)

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-711192 All rights reserved.

performed by Alex Rack and Anders Nelson

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

## Offertory

### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. W. Felton

performed by Anders Nelson

# Scripture Lesson

## Matthew 25:14-29

### Message

Faith in Action: Financial Management

### Traveling Music

#### *Sow Good Seeds*

Jeff Tweedy as Performed by Mavis Staples

©2013 BMG Platinum Songs US, Words Ampersand Music (BMI)

Reprinted with permission under CCS License #: 11563. All rights reserved.

performed by the Methodicals:

Tim Siefkes, Keys

Mike Forrest, Electric Guitar

Julie Darlington, Backup Vocals

Judi Bartlett, Backup Vocals

Mike Gunvalson, Drums

Josh Espinosa, Lead Vocals, Bass, Slide Guitar

### 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*

Thank you to:

Dean Ammerman & Pete Ketcham for video production

Anders Nelson & Tim Siefkes for music production

---

*Lyrics and music reprinted under CCLI/OneLicense.net #A-711192.*

*All rights reserved.*

*Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from:*

*ONE LICENSE, License #A-711192*

*CCLI License No. 3175826*

*CCS License #: 11563*

*All rights reserved.*

## Announcements

### Holding in prayer:

- **Prayers for Healing:** Dan Pederson who has tested positive for Covid-19; Gary Claude (*father of Sue Claude*) whose prostate cancer has returned, and he has exhausted his treatment options.
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Scott Christianson (*son-in-law of Mary Doelz*), Jordyn Meskan (*niece of Elaine Chadwick*), David Miller (*father of Kevin Miller*), Carol Spearman, Wanda (*friend of Kim Neal*)
- **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, Trevor Hicks, Peter Johnson, Sue Johnson, Dan Nelson, Fred Peterson, Amy Ralph, D.R. Schroeder
- **Educators:** Beth Anderson, 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

**Thanksgiving Eve**, November 25, there will be an ecumenical worship service available online at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to come by the church to drop off donations for the Food Shelf and to pick up your Advent bag. There will also be organ music between 5:30 and 6:30 which you will be able to hear on the front lawn outside the sanctuary windows. We ask that you be masked the entire time, and that you don't plan on staying more than 15 minutes so that we can keep to CDC guidelines on time, size of group, and contact between households.

We have prepared **Advent Bags** for every household in our church community. Please come and pick up your bag anytime during the following hours:

Sunday, Nov. 22, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 25 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Any bags not picked up by Wednesday evening will be delivered to your home on Friday or Saturday (so, please help us out by picking up your bag if you can!).

**Candlelighting Videos Needed!** We probably can't pass the candle light on Christmas Eve this year, but that doesn't mean we can't do it digitally! We are looking for your videos – pick up a candle from the church (they are outside the front doors in a labeled container). Set your camera on landscape mode (sideways), and start with yourself holding the candle, unlit, in front of you. Take the unlit candle in your left hand and move it to the left, out of sight of the camera. Have someone light it, then move the candle back into the screen and pass it to your right, off screen again. We'll collect these videos and stitch them together so that we are able to pass the candlelight to one another on Christmas Eve. Here is the link for the google drive where we are collecting the videos:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XixmWZEiKM-SwdbN9sYLLMMUJaIxzXep?usp=sharing>

If you have any trouble, you can just email your video to becky@minnehaha.org and she'll upload it for you.

In order to have the time to put the video together, please upload your recordings by the end of November.

### Toy Drive Donations Needed

During the 4 Tuesdays before Christmas, Food Shelf Parents are able to select toys for their children, ranging from babies to teenagers. Parents may choose a toy (ranging from baby toys to dolls to hot wheels to table foosball to hair dryers and clock radios), a stocking stuffer, and a hat or gloves for each of their children. We also provide gift bags and wrapping paper. All this is made possible by the generosity of members of Minnehaha. *Every year, parents respond with "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" and "Oh my gosh, these present are so nice!" and "Can I really get a hat and gloves for each of my children?"* There are three ways you can help with this mission:

- Buy toys, hats, and gloves- as our office hours are limited a great time to drop off toys is during MinneHarvest. To arrange another drop off time contact Renee Beymer
- Write a check to the church (put Toys in the memo line) or give through our Donate button on the website and designate it for Christmas Toys

With your help Good Things will, indeed, continue to Happen Here