



MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation
WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



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

Prayers

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

(adapted from Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder)

Teach us your ways, Lord,
that we may be open to the same Spirit
who moved over the face of the waters in the first day of creation
and moves also over the chaos of this time
to fashion a day like this,
a world like ours,
a kingdom that is like yeast in the bread and a treasure in a field.
Make us aware of the miracles of life,
of warm and cold
of starkness and order,
of screaming wind and impenetrable silences,
and of the unfathomable mystery of amazing grace in which we are kept.
Teach us your ways, Lord,
that we may accept our own talents openly,
nurture them hopefully,
develop them faithfully,
and give them freely.
Teach us your ways, Lord,
that we may love the kindness of the prophets
and practice it toward the hungry of the world,
the poor and sick and oppressed
that we may learn the healing humility
which responsibly tends the earth and all creatures therein. *Amen.*

Silent Prayers

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.*

Children's Message: Infant Recognition

Jenia Strom

We celebrate the births of all those born in our community this past year,
including Violet, Madeline, Amelia, Otto, and Archer.

Join us as we welcome and share in blessing them:

For each child that's born a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers. We are our grandfathers' dreamings.

We are the breath of our ancestors. We are the spirit of God.

We are Mothers of courage, Fathers of time, Daughters of dust, Sons of great vision.

We are sisters of mercy, Brothers of love, Lovers of life and the builders of nations.

We are Seekers of truth, Keepers of faith, Makers of peace and the Wisdom of ages.

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Blessing Music

Julia Cook and friends

We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

traditional

Passing the Peace

Congregational Hymn

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

led by Alex Rack, Anders Nelson

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I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized,

To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,

With a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off

To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
To whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.

Offertory

Kit Campbell

Friend of Mine

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Scripture Lesson

Jason Emrick

Mark 1:4-11

Message

"Moving With the Holy Spirit"

Benediction

Sending Music

Anders Nelson, *organ*

"Little" Prelude and Fugue in G major

J.S. Bach

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*

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Announcements

New in our prayers this week:

- **Discharged from hospital:** Barb (*Ben Sikorski's grandmother*) who is now recuperating from Covid-19 at home.
- **Births:** Archer James was born on December 30 to Laura and Gregg Angell, and he came home from the special care nursery this last week.
- **Covid-19:** Prayers for Valerie Mayer who is sick with Covid-19.

Holding in prayer:

- **Prayers of Care:** Gary Claude (*Sue Claude's father*); Kim Neal's friend, Wanda, asks for our prayers for a 4-year old cousin, Aliyah, who has been suffering seizures and brain swelling since Dec. 27 and no one knows why.
- **Hospice:** Paul Hegstrom (with Covid-19) (*James Shelter's brother-in-law*)
- **Transitional Care:** Olive Homstad, after breaking her leg.
- **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
- **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, Jill Carlton, Joy Collman, 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

MinneHarvest

Our free food give-away once a month (on the fourth Saturday of the month) is a source of food relied upon by many, and it happens through volunteers who come each month. Please join us on Jan. 23 You can volunteer anytime between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up at 6:30, unload the trucks starting at 7, serve the food at 9:00, and are usually done cleaning up by 10:30. Join us for all or any portion of that time, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring a friend (and a mask)!