




MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation
WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



February 21, 2021

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

Karen Anderson

Prayers

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

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

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet, we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. *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

Jenia Strom

Passing the Peace

Congregational Hymn

O God Who Shaped Creation

led by Alex Rack, Anders Nelson

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O God who shaped creation at earth's chaotic dawn,
Your word of power was spoken, and lo! the dark was gone!
You framed us in your image, you brought us into birth,
You blessed our infant footsteps and shared your splendored earth.

O God, with pain and anguish a mother sees her child
Embark on deadend pathways, alluring, but defiled;
So too your heart is broken when hate and lust increase,
When worlds you birthed and nurtured spurn ways that lead to peace.

Although your heart is broken when people scorn your ways,
You never cease your searching through evil's darksome maze;
And when we cease our running, your joys, O God, abound
Like joy of searching woman when treasured coin is found.

O God, when trinkets tarnish and pleasures lose their charm,
When, wearied by our wandering, we seek your opened arm,
With motherlike compassion you share your warm embrace;
You set for us a banquet and heal us through your grace.

In mercy and compassion your goodness is revealed;
With tenderness you touch us, and broken hearts are healed.
You claim us as your children, you strip our prideful shame;
With freedom born of mercy we bless your holy name!

Offertory

Kit Campbell

She's a Rainbow

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Scripture Lesson

Margaret Rawson

Genesis 9:8-17

Message

"Noah and the Rainbow"

United Methodist Women Awards

Sending Music

Anders Nelson, *organ*

Largo

G. F. Handel

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*

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Announcements

Holding in prayer:

- **Rehab:** Francis Avellone (*Monica Regan's grandfather*) after falling and breaking his hip.
- **Discharged from the Hospital:** Karen Olson (*Annette Meier's sister-in-law*) following a stroke – continued prayers for her therapy and recovery.
- **Prayers of Care:** Gary Claude (*Sue Claude's father*)
- **Transitional Care:** Olive Homstad, Andree Papenhausen
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Jordyn Meskan (niece of Elaine Chadwick), David Miller (father of Kevin Miller), Carol Spearman, Joan Ellison
- **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

UMW Offering

The official purpose of UMW is to "be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Our vision is "turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

UMW Sunday celebrates these purposes and how they are lived out as we recognize individuals who have greatly given to our Minnehaha UMC community by bestowing upon them our annual Service Awards. We continue to provide funds to multiple missions that especially service women and children; you are welcome to contribute directly to Minnehaha United Methodist Women this Sunday through your offering and know your gift will be given to one of the missions listed below:

UMW Twin Cities District – MN Conference: For District meetings, newsletters, Mission U, Emma Norton, Reading Program, and the **National Division of UMW** for Global Mission Projects including **UMCOR**.

Haiti Solar Oven Project: Providing solar ovens for cooking and water pasteurization.

Heifer Project: Providing healthy animals and training to help families overcome hunger internationally.

Joyce Pre-School: Providing quality preschool education for children of diverse backgrounds in Minneapolis.

Walker Care Fund: Providing funds for the special needs of Walker residents.

Meals via Wheels: Providing home-delivered meals to people in our community.

Clare Housing: Providing meals to residents who are HIV Positive and are living in affordable housing.

Your generosity will also support these Minnehaha programs:

Minnehaha UMC Youth: Educational scholarships.

Minnehaha UMC Hospitality: Kitchen expenses and supportive community.