




MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation
WE SEEK. WE SERVE. WE CELEBRATE



February 28, 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

Prayers

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

(adapted from Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth C. Duck)

Abraham and Sarah went out, not knowing where they were headed, because they trusted in you. Jesus went forward to his death in Jerusalem, trusting in your purpose. Help us, like them, to take you at your word, and thus to move onward in faith. Be the lamp to our feet, and the light to our path, through your Spirit of life and wisdom. *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

The God of Abraham Praise

led by Alex Rack, Anders Nelson

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The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.

The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!"

Offertory

Anders Nelson, *organ*

Tranquilly

C.H.H. Parry (public domain)

Scripture Lesson

Kristin Ammerman

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Message

"Abraham & Sarah and a Promise"

Reception of New Members:

Martha Bentley, Emma Dolphin & Thomas Miller; Rev. Melanie Homan & Brennon Schaeffer;
Ann Marie Johnson; Larry Stalberger, James & Katy Stewart

Congregational Response:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Minnehaha United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, for the transformation of the world in God's name.

Sending Music

Jason Vosu

Hallelujah

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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:

- **Hospitalized:** Pam Blixt; Ryan (*Carol Larson's son*)
- **Prayers of Care:** Gary Claude (*Sue Claude's father*)
- **Transitional Care:** Olive Homstad, Andree Papenhausen, Francis Avellone (*Monica Regan's grandfather*)
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Joan Ellison, 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