



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.

We livestream our worship services, and you may end up in view of the camera at any point in the service.

Worship Personnel

Rev. Becky Sechrist, *Pastor*;
Rev. Jean Elliott, *Director of Children, Youth, & Their Families*;
Alex Rack, *Choir Director*;
Anders Nelson, *Organist*;
Tim Siefkes, *Band Leader*;
Nicholas and Patience Sabah, *Communion Stewards*

Minnehaha United Methodist Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary land of Dakota People.

Attendance

We are delighted you are here! We invite you to "sign the welcome pad" electronically.

If you point your camera phone at the QR code, it will take you to a Google form where you can enter your information.



Offering

For our offering, you can also give electronically through the PayPal account online, or by using this QR Code (which takes you to our PayPal account).

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January 21, 2024 9:30 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Anders Nelson, *organist*

Elevation #17 for Harmonium

Dom Paul Benoit, OSB

Mercy

Georg Philipp Telemann, arr. Hal Hopson

Greeting and Announcements

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Ps. 36 in *Touch Holiness*,
ed. Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi)

Leader: God's love reaches to the heavens, and God's faithfulness to the skies.

People: **God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains, and God's justice like the great deep.**

Leader: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

People: **We feast on the abundance of God's house; for God gives us drink from the river of delights.**

Leader: With God is the fountain of life,

People: **In God's light, we see light; let us worship!**

*Opening Hymn

Your Love, O God #120

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Children's Message

Jean Elliott

Baptism

Vows

Congregational Vow:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the ways that lead to life.

Thanksgiving over the water

Baptism of Kennedy Reneé Tolle

Introduction

Congregational Response:

We welcome Kennedy Reneé joyfully and reverently as a member of our family, the family of God. We offer ourselves to be siblings, aunts and uncles, grandparents 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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer

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

Source of Light, Giver of Life, satisfy our searching spirits in the One who is the image of your glory; the unfailing light, the everliving Christ. Grant that each day our lives may abound with this life in obedience to your Word. May our spirits shine as a bright star guiding the world toward your presence. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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.

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

Lord for thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Nora Hesse

Hymn

The United Methodist Hymnal (red)

For the Healing of the Nations #428

John Hughes (1907) Fred Kaan © 1968 Hope Publishing Co.

Sermon

"God of Mercy"

Rev. Becky Sechrist

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

Andante sostenuto

Ernest Dicks

*Act of Praise

The United Methodist Hymnal # 94

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Christ, you equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of our efforts in your name. Turn them to good where we have erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

The United Methodist Hymnal (red)

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here #579, vv. 1-3, 5

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Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in F

Eric Thiman

In Our Prayers

Holding in prayer:

- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Judy Durfey

Annual Meeting Our Annual Meeting (otherwise known as a Church Conference) will be held today, January 21, 2023 at 12:00. There will be a pizza lunch available beginning at 11:30, and we'll have our 2023 Financial Report, our 2023 Membership Report and our 2024 Budget. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all members of the congregation can vote. Following the meeting, there will be a training for chairs of committees (and any other interested members).

Minnehaha Fellowship Join other Minnehaha folks at Arbeiter Brewing on the 4th Saturday of each month from 3-5. You can bring your own food, and there are a variety of non-alcoholic drinks also available. In addition, Arbeiter welcomes children and dogs. Join us on January 27.

MinneHarvest Our free food give-away once a month is a source of food relied upon by many, and it happens through volunteers who come each month. We gather outside on the 4th Saturday of each month, which is January 27 this month. You can volunteer anytime between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up around 6:30, serve the food starting around 7:00/7:30, 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!

Youth Groups Indoor Ice-Skating

Today both youth groups will meet at The Rec Center (3700 Monterey Drive, St. Louis Park) for indoor ice-skating from 2-3:30 pm. Bring your ice skates or \$3 to rent



THIS WEEK AT MINNEHAHA

Sunday Jan 21, 2024

- 9:30a Worship with Organ/Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:45a Adult Faith Formation (310)
- 10:45a Baptism Reception (Fellowship Hall (back))
- 10:45a Faith Formation (Sunday School)
- 11:30a Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 12p PUGA Dance Group (302/304)
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 2:30p Rehearsal Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 4p Youth Groups (302/304, 308, GYM)
- 5:30p Play rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Co-Op (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p Togolese Community Church (Fellowship Hall)
- 7p SAA (306)

Monday Jan 22, 2024

- 1:30p Al-Anon (306)
- 6:30p Introduction to the Old Testament (210)
- 6:30p Troop/Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Play Rehearsal (302/304)

Tuesday Jan 23, 2024

- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 10a Don't Look Back Study (210)
- 10a Food Shelf (Fellowship Hall, Narthex)
- 6p Karate Group (Gym)
- 6:30p Play Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Jan 24, 2024

- 9:10a Men's Study of Scripture & Prophetic Consciousness (210)
- 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup (202/204)
- 5:30p Methodicals (Wesley Room)
- 5:30p Wednesday Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall and Kitchen)
- 6p Wednesday Night Childcare (Gym, 202/204)
- 6:15p Chancel Choir (310)
- 6:15p Confirmation (308)
- 6:30p Children's Council (210)

Thursday Jan 25, 2024

- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 12p MinneHarvest Delivery
- 6p Karate Group (Gym)
- 6:30p Play rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Trustees (Zoom)

Friday Jan 26, 2024 Winter Retreat

- ⇒ newsletter deadline
- 10a Al-Anon (306)
- 6:30p RCA (306)

Saturday Jan 27, 2024 Winter Retreat

- 7a MinneHarvest (Fellowship Hall, Gym, Kitchen)
- 9a M. Mazvydas Lithuanian Heritage School (Narthex, 2nd & 3rd)
- 11a Karate Group (Gym)
- 3p Fellowship at Arbeiter

Sunday Jan 28, 2024 Winter Retreat

- 9:30a Worship with Band (Sanctuary)
- 10:45a Adult Faith Formation (310)
- 10:45a Sunday School Activity
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 2:30p Rehearsal Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 5p Play rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6p PUGA Dance Group (Gym)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Co-Op (Sanctuary)
- 7p SAA (306)

We are looking for Scripture Readers

Children, Teens & Adults are encouraged & welcome to sign up!

Annette Meier will send the scripture to you on Wednesday - if you don't hear from her, or you sign up later than Wednesday, please text/call her (612) 597-1778 or e-mail at salmeier@hotmail.com

Here is the link to the sign-up tool:



SAMANTHA MOE



MAD
TO glad
BLUEPRINT™

Essential Parenting Skills: Calm Big Emotions & Create a Peaceful Home

Samantha Moe, MA, SLP

Wondering if parenting could feel easier? You're not alone. When you have a child with big emotions and big reactions, there are times when creating a peaceful home seems like a puzzle. In this workshop, you'll discover practical, brain-based strategies to calm and prevent challenging behaviors, based on the Mad to Glad Blueprint. Join us to learn essential tools that improve listening, self-control, and positive connections. Together, let's bring more peace and happiness to your home! (Focused on children ages 3-13)

DETAILS

When? Wednesday, Feb 7
6:30 - 8:00pm

Where? Minnehaha United
Methodist Church
3701 E 50th St, Minneapolis

CAN I BRING MY KIDS?

Yes! Free on-site child care will be provided during the workshop. Scan this code to register for free child care



The Minnehaha Players Present

Adventures of the Fearsome Pirate Frank

A swashbuckling musical for all ages

Friday, February 2 at 7pm
Saturday, February 3 at 3pm
Sunday, February 4 at 3pm
Saturday, February 10 at 3pm & 7pm
Sunday, February 11 at 3pm

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th Ave South
Minneapolis 55417

TICKETS

\$10 adults & seniors
\$6 Children 4-12 years olds
Free to children under 4
Family Rate for 4: \$25

*Proceeds go to United Women in Faith
to support missions for women and children
in our local and global communities*



Books and Lyrics by Pat Lydenow, Music by Wendy Woolf, presented through arrangements with Pioneer Drama Services



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