



MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation
WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



May 9, 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.

Prelude

Alex Rack, Anders Nelson, Julie Darlington, Josh Espinosa, Tim Siefkes

The Sweetest Gift

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Greeting

Prayers

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer

**We pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love**

**We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them**

**We pray for all of those individuals who have
nurtured and cared for us**

**We pray for mothers, who have been unable
to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families**

**And now, O God, we gather all of our prayers this day
together in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray**

(adapted from [The United Methodist Book of Worship](#))

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

Hymn

led by Alex Rack & Anders Nelson

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Ludwig von Beethoven, Henry Van Dyke

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Maker, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Message

“A Prayer of Praise”

Rev. Becky Sechrist

Offertory

The Minnehaha Recorder Choir

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven (1824);

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Benediction

Traveling Music

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If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out

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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:

- **Prayers of care:** Bob & Jane Stone (*Karissa Kelley's parents – Bob for prostate cancer, Jane for recuperation from back surgery*)
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Joan Ellison, 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