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).

Greeting and Announcements

*Call to Worship
(adapted from Psalm 145, a psalm attributed to David)

Leader: We extol our God!
People: And, we bless our God forever.
Leader: Great is God, and greatly to be praised!
People: One generation shall praise God to the next generation.
Leader: We worship a compassionate God,
People: Who has made every one of us.

Opening Song
This is My Song #437

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

Children’s Message
Sharing the Peace of Christ
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of the glory and the goodness you intend for your creation. The vision you give us makes us ever restless in this world, as we yearn for your fuller revelation in time and history. Free us, and our world, from all bondage to sin and futility; make us your true children, through the creative power of your Holy Spirit, at work within us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Sharon Kelly

Sermon

“David the King”
Rev. Becky Sechrist

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Special Music

When I Set Out For Glory
Julie Darlington and Kitty Campbell, vocals
℗2006 Sugar Hill Records, A Welk Music Group Company
original lyrics derived from a late-1880's hymnal, author unknown

Prayer of Dedication

Move us, O God, beyond the building of monuments to our faith to participation in mission, beyond the giving of our money to the giving of ourselves. Help us to discern your revelation and to share it. Guide us as we seek to follow Christ among those who know us best and in the company of strangers, that our very being may be our finest offering. Amen.

Communion

All are invited to share in this sacramental meal in memory of Jesus Christ, there are no membership or age requirements. Come forward and take a piece of bread and a small cup. The bread is gluten-free and we serve grape juice in the cups. We believe that by sharing this meal together, we become willing and able to experience God’s grace.

Call to Communion

Leader: God calls us to come to the table.
People: We come with joy! With joy and expectation like that with which we embrace the fullness of summer.
Leader: Summer brings warm sun, refreshing rain, and long days in which plants, animals, and all of us can flourish and grow.
People: And we are aware that at times it is too warm, that the rains don’t come, and that our behavior stunts the growth of plants, animals, ourselves, and each other.
Leader: Even in this, God calls us to the table. Calls us to follow. Calls us into forgiveness and new lives.
People: We come to the table with joy, hearing God’s call and experiencing God’s mercy, and pledging to live our lives in God’s light.

Words of Blessing & Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Serving of the Bread and Cup
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Prayer after Communion:
Leader: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
People: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

*Sending Song
The United Methodist Hymnal

May You Run and Not Be Weary #2281
Handt Hanson, Paul Murakiami © 1991 Changing Church Forum

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*Benediction

Traveling Song
Dan Gaarder, vocals

Pennies from Heaven
©1936 Johnny Burke, Arthur Johnson; Anne Rache Music Corp. (ASCAP)

Scripture Reading
(II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10)
Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. 2 For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you, ‘It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’ ” 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. 9 David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. 10 And David became greater and greater, for the Lord of hosts was with him.
Holding in prayer:
- **General prayers**: Paul Thue (Valerie Chase’s brother)
- **Issues related to MS**: Jody Buscho
- **Receiving treatment for cancer**: Judy Durfey, Brad Hanson (Becky & Dan Johnson’s son-in-law), Steve Meier, Daniel Thurber (Valerie Chase’s stepson), Marc Thurow

Coming Soon! As you are aware, our elevator is in need of comprehensive repairs. We will be unveiling a fundraising appeal for the roughly $140,000 repair bill this fall. If you’d like to get in on the bottom floor (get it? elevator? bottom floor?), you can make a contribution over the summer, please indicate “elevator fund” if you do. Thank you!

**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:

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**THIS WEEK AT MINNEHAHA**

**Sunday Jul 7, 2024**
- **Communion**
- 10a Summer Worship (Side Yard)
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 2:30p Rehearsal Twin Cities Gay Men’s Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Co-Op (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p Togolese Community Church (Fellowship Hall)
- 7p SAA (306)

**Monday Jul 8, 2024**
- **Middle School Mission Trip**
  - 1:30p Al-Anon (306)
  - 6:30p Finance (Zoom (1))
  - 6:30p Troop Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday Jul 9, 2024**
- **Middle School Mission Trip**
  - 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
  - 10a Food Shelf (Fellowship Hall, Narthex)
  - 6p Karate Group (Gym)
  - 6:30p Worship & Music Committee (210)

**Wednesday Jul 10, 2024**
- **Middle School Mission Trip**
  - 5:30p Wednesday Night Picnic (Side Yard)

**Thursday Jul 11, 2024**
- 9a Food Shelf Board (Fellowship Hall)
- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup (202/204)
- 6p Karate Group (Gym)
- 7p Climate Action (210 and Zoom)

**Friday Jul 12, 2024**
- 10a Al-Anon (306)
- 6:30p RCA (306)

**Saturday Jul 13, 2024**
- 11a Karate Group (Gym)

**Sunday Jul 14, 2024**
- 9:30a Worship with Band (Sanctuary)
- 10a Summer Worship (Side Yard)
- 11a Newcomer Class (Side Yard)
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 2:30p Rehearsal Twin Cities Gay Men’s Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Co-Op (Sanctuary)
- 7p SAA (306)
**Save the date!** Join with other Reconciling United Methodists around Minnesota on Saturday, August 24 to celebrate the decisions at General Conference.

- **When:** August 24
- **Where:** First UMC of the St. Cloud Region, 1107 Pine Cone Rd. S, Sartell, MN
- **Time:** 1:00-4:00 p.m. A celebratory worship from 1-2, the time of fellowship from 2-4.

First UMC has an extensive outdoor area, so if you would like to spend some of your time visiting with others outside, bring a lawn chair.

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**INTEREST IN A BOOK STUDY ON PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

The Racial Justice Committee would like to find out who would be interested in a book study on Palestine and Israel beginning in September. The book we’d discuss is *A Land With A People: Palestinians and Jews Confront Zionism* and we would plan to meet once a week on Sundays after the church service for about five weeks. If you are interested, please send an email to kip.m.kirkpatrick@gmail.com. We can also get the book for you, so please also indicate whether you’d like a copy of the book.

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**UWF Rummage Sale Sept. 12-14**

As you do your Spring Clean-up, please put aside things to be in the sale and please bring those things to church on Sunday, Sept. 1 and Sept. 8 (Rally Sunday) to go in the Fellowship Hall for the sale and sign up to help set up, Sept. 10-11 and/or work at the sale.