



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, *Contemporary Band Leader*;
Nicholas and Patience Sabah,
Communion Stewards

Playground

Children are welcome to play on the playground following the Children's Lesson, but we ask parents to keep an eye on them. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) before attending service about what appropriate behavior on the playground is: making safe choices, sharing toys and equipment, being respectful of space, and - because of the proximity of worship - not using their fullest outside voice.

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 below, it will take you to a google form where you can enter your information.

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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* Please rise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

Matt Hughes, *vocalist*

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Choices

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship

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

Leader: We gather in the welcome of God's love; we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ; we gather in the power of the Spirit.

People: Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One.

* Opening Song

Welcoming God

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Tune: *The United Methodist Hymnal* #369 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine 1873
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Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:
God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, you open the Way;
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well,
Your life to know and good news to tell.

Women are welcome, as are the men;
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too:
No more divided — made one in you.
Welcoming God, you open the way;
Those once divided join now to pray,
Serving at Table, preaching your Word,
So that your love for all will be heard.

Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, you stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be
Filled with the joy of your jubilee.

So may we welcome into our pew
All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, you stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search.
May we all welcome you in your church.

Children's Message

Jean Elliott

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayers

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer

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

True Reflector, you are the mirror of our lives, for by facing you we see ourselves more clearly. May the sight of our true faces humble us and encourage us to be doers of your word, not merely hearers of it. It is only through you that our intentions and actions may be united. Amen.

Silent Prayers

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.*

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Sermon

"Ubuntu"

Lisa Talcott

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Special Music

Julie Darlington, *vocalist*

Both Sides Now

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*Prayer of Dedication

These gifts represent the work of our hands: the abilities you have given us and our efforts to use them well. We share them here to support one another in our efforts to hear your will and do it. Help us as a congregation to make a faithful witness out of love for one another and you, and in service to the whole world. Amen.

*Sending Song

All Are Welcome

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Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Benediction

Traveling Music

Josh Espinosa, *vocalist*

Key to the Highway

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Thank you to Lisa Talcott for preaching this morning, and to Lee Krokum for leading worship. Both are members at Minnehaha UMC. Rev. Becky Sechrist is on renewal leave and will be back this week.

Announcements

Holding in prayer:

- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Carol Spearman, Kate Stower, Julio Bonilla (*Zobeida Bonilla's brother*)

Please Donate to Our New Grand Piano.

Sadly, the baby grand piano in our sanctuary is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. Happily, we have found a gently-used Kawai baby grand piano from Schmitt Music—and we welcome any and all donations to help defray the cost of \$11,900. Please be sure to indicate on your check, envelope or in the Comment box for online giving that your contribution is for the piano. Questions? Contact Jenny Ammerman



Worship at the Falls will be on Sunday, August 7. Join with our ecumenical friends at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church, and Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church for a joint worship service at the Minnehaha Falls Park bandshell at 10:30. If you want to continue in conversation after worship, bring a bag lunch and we'll have lunch together at the tables behind the bandshell. If you can't make it to the park, but still want to worship with others, the service will be livestreamed at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S).

Newcomer Class We'll be holding an introduction and orientation class for anyone new to Minnehaha or interested in joining on Sunday afternoon, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. You can come in person or attend via zoom; when you RSVP (becky@minnehaha.org), just let us know which way you'd like to attend.

Sunday Jul 31, 2022

- 10a Outdoor Worship (Side Yard)
- 11a Outdoor Fellowship (Side Yard)
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 7p SAA (Fellowship Hall)

Monday Aug 1, 2022

- 8a Music and Drama Camp (All Outside Areas, Fellowship Hall (lunch))
- 1:30p Al-Anon (306)
- 6:30p Boy Scouts - Troop 1 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Aug 2, 2022

- 8a Music and Drama Camp
- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 10a Food Shelf (Fellowship Hall, Narthex)

Wednesday Aug 3, 2022

- 8a Music and Drama Camp
- 5:30p Methodicals (Wesley Room)
- 6:30p Parents Night on the Lawn (Side Lawn (Fellowship Hall if rain))

Thursday Aug 4, 2022

- 8a Music and Drama Camp
- 9a Food Shelf Board (Fellowship Hall)
- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 7p Open Sanctuary (Sanctuary)

Friday Aug 5, 2022

- 8a Music and Drama Camp
- 10a Al-Anon (306)
- 6:30p Music and Drama Camp performance
- 7p Twin Cities Transmasculine Social & Support Group

Saturday Aug 6, 2022

Sunday Aug 7, 2022

- 10:30a Worship at the Falls
- 12p Therapy Dog Testing (Fellowship Hall, Gym, Hallway, Wesley Room)
- 12:15p Neighborhood Basketball (Gym)
- 7p SAA (Fellowship Hall)

All are invited to this summer's Music & Drama Camp's performance on Friday, August 5 at 6:30 pm on the lawn of Minnehaha UMC'



All parents of children are invited to "Parents' Night on the Lawn" on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 pm. Our Children's Council and our new Director of Children, Youth and Families, Jean Elliott, want to hear about:

- your dreams for children's ministry
- your needs in children's programming
- your gifts/interests in supporting or participating
- preferred communication tool(s)