

MINNEHAHA
CHURCH OF CHRIST

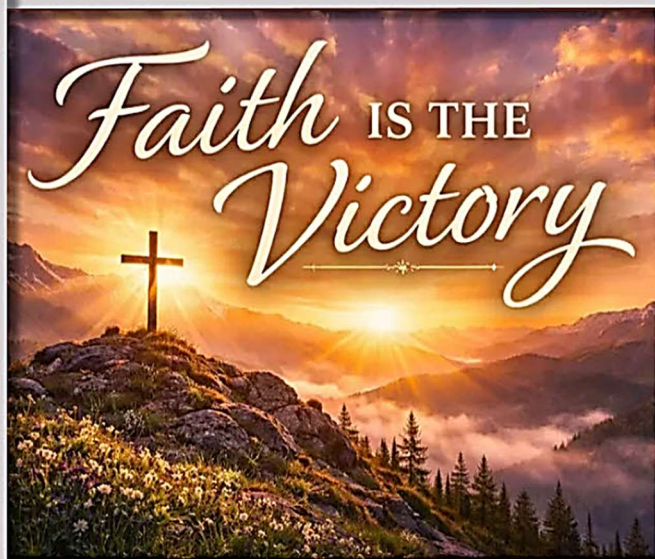
SERVING WITH LOVE

Today's Sermon:

"Faith is the Victory"

1 John 5:1-12

Mike Kennedy



LORD'S DAY MAY 24TH 2026

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Date: May 24, 2026

9:30 BIBLE STUDY TEAM



Mark Williams
Next Week
Rev. 21



Dave Kubow
TODAY
Rev. 19-20

10:45 MAIN ASSEMBLY SINGING LEADERS



Jimmy Kennedy



Lauren Priest



Stephanie Kennedy



Ken Smithline

Lord's Supper Time – Each week we prioritize the Lord's Supper.



Today – Jimmy Kennedy

“Faith is the Victory” – 1 John 5:1-12

Next Week: Mike Kennedy

“Knowing for Certain” – 1 John 5:13-21

The mission of the Minnehaha Church of Christ is to worship God, equipping every member to serve and build up one another and to lead people into a saving and enriching relationship with Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST ITEMS:

-- **Ken Bowcutt** – Please keep Ken in your prayers as he continues to deal with the issues of his heart failure.

-- **Joyce Ryan, Rose Williams** – Please be in prayer for these fellow saints and their various struggles.

-- **Luke Chapman & Family** – Please be in prayer for the Chapman’s regarding the passing of Jim.

-- **Cyndi Shively** – Please keep Cyndi in your prayers as she deals with liver cancer.

-- **Stormie Priest** – Be in prayer for our dear sister as she struggles with cancer issues.

-- **Carl Fich** – Be in prayer for our brother as he deals with cancer throughout his body.

Word of God Speak! – By water and blood.

6 "And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. ." – [1 John 5:6](#) [NLT]

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MONDAY – MELINDA McTAGGART

FRIDAY – CHRISTY JOHNSON

Useful Numbers

(Data as of: 5/23/26 11:19 AM)

Facebook Viewers	Class	67
	Sermon	144
	Hispanic	175
YouTube Viewers	Class	9
	Sermon	17
	Hispanic	22
Rumble Viewers	Class	40
	Sermon	35
	Hispanic	37

Weekly also on our own app.

Last Sunday Attendance:		
	English	38
	Hispanic	6

2026 Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,843
Last week	\$ 852
13-week average:	\$ 1,547
26-week average:	\$ 1,525

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THIS MONTH AND LATER

May 27, Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer Meeting

May 31, Sunday, 12:15 pm – **Fifth Sunday Potluck**

June 3, Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer Meeting

June 10, Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer Meeting

June 13, Saturday, 8:30 am – Staff Meeting

June 13, Saturday, 9:00 am – Women’s Bible Study

“Faith is the Victory” – Written by John H. Yates - 1891

The classic Christian hymn "**Faith Is the Victory**" was written by John H. Yates in 1891 (though some drafts date back to 1882) as a direct testament to overcoming immense personal tragedy through deep spiritual conviction.

1. Devastating Personal Tragedy

Before writing the hymn, Yates worked primarily in retail sales and as a local newspaper editor in Batavia, New York, while serving as a lay preacher. In February of 1878, a severe diphtheria outbreak struck his community. Within the span of a single week, Yates' wife and two sons all contracted the disease and died.

Instead of succumbing to despair, Yates leaned into his Christian faith to process his grief. He eventually remarried and used his survival of this dark period as a living illustration of God's promises. The battlefield imagery of the hymn directly mirrors his personal fight to maintain hope amidst overwhelming sorrow.

2. Partnership with Ira D. Sankey

Yates' poetic writing caught the attention of **Ira D. Sankey**, the famous music director and song leader for evangelist D.L. Moody. Sankey had previously found great success setting another one of Yates' poems, "The Model Church," to music. In 1891, Sankey contracted Yates to write gospel hymn texts exclusively for him. "Faith Is the Victory" was one of the very first compositions born out of this official partnership, with Sankey composing the triumphant, martial tune specifically for Yates' words.

3. Scriptural and Historical Imagery

The hymn relies heavily on two primary influences:

The Civil War Era: Though Yates had a foot disability that kept him from fighting in the American Civil War, growing up during that era deeply exposed him to military and battlefield aesthetics. This is heavily reflected in lines like "*Encamped along the hills of light, ye Christian soldiers, rise*".

Scriptural Armor: The core theology of the text bridges the Armor of God from Ephesians 6 with the primary theme of [1 John 5:4](#).

"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". — 1 John 5:4 [NLT]