

**Message**  
**“Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” TFWS#2197**

**Joys and Concerns**

Prayer List: Orville Scharff, Jan Larsen, Marjorie Madsen  
Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Maliyah Melroy, Tami Hanson,  
and Ginger Frizane

Happy Anniversary to Jason & Corey Smidt—18 years.

**Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer**

**“Doxology UMH #94**  
**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Offertory Prayer**

Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you. Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

**Closing Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” UMH#110**

**Benediction**

Be strong in the Lord. You can walk in God’s ways, for God is with you, offering you peace, hope, courage, and joy. God’s love abides with you always. Go in peace. AMEN.

**Postlude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

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**2022 Vision:**  
**Expand Our Boundaries Through the Word of God.**  
**“Your word is a lamp for my feet,**  
**a light on my path”**  
**(Psalm 119:105)**

**Minden United Methodist Church**

**Order of Worship**  
**March 13, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. During this Lenten season, we offer you to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. We still need 10 more people to read.
2. Winter Kids Church School takes place every Wednesday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.
3. Bible class, “Threading the Bible,” Tuesday 10 am and 5 pm.
4. Adult Bible Study is at 10:45 am every Sunday.
5. Choir Practice is every Thursday at 6:30 pm. The presentation of our Lenten cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 10.
6. April 1-2, the Methodist Church in Holdrege is offering a Leadership Seminar-“Anxious Times Call for Non-Anxious Leaders.” All leaders are welcome. More information on the flier in the back if you are interested.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$4,991. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

**Call to Worship**

- L:** We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.  
**P:** We place our trust in him.  
**L:** As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on urgency.  
**P:** We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem  
**L:** Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.  
**P:** Amen!



## Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH#158

## Children's Time

### Scriptures

#### Psalm 27 (NIV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Larry Evans

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,  
God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will receive me.

Teach me your way, Lord;  
lead me in a straight path  
because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,  
for false witnesses rise up against me,  
spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart  
and wait for the Lord.

#### Luke 23:32-43 (NIV)

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**