

Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH#377

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Jim Lynn, Shirley Fellers, Tom Taylor, and Joe Hultquist.

Happy Anniversary to Merlin & Lynette Beahm—48 years.

Prayer List: Fred Will, Merlin Beahm and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in the name of the One who came in holy love that we might have abundant life. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH#395

Benediction

This is a time for new beginnings. May the mysteries of Jesus' passion fill your life with love for others that will all glorify God and be drawn to Jesus. Go with the peace of God. Amen.

Sending Forth

Vision for 2023:

"Have Life, and Have It Abundantly."

John 10:10 (NRSV)

**United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
10:00 a.m., February 26, 2023**



Welcome and Announcements

1. We are walking the Lenten journey. Every day, at 7:00 am, daily devotion will be posted on Facebook and YouTube.
2. Minden Inter-Church Ministry will host lunches on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The lunches start at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Our church will serve lunch on March 1, this Wednesday. Please us and support Minden Inter-Church Ministry.
3. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will meet at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm this Thursday. If you want to take the class, please come to the library at either time.
4. We are looking for Bell Choir members. They will practice at 7:00 pm Wednesday.
5. Sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, Refreshment, and Daily Devotion are in the back. If you want to serve our church and ministry, please write your name on the sheet in the back.
6. Join us for refreshment following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,102. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Seek the Lord in this season of reflection and preparation.

P: We are here to seek the Lord and his favor.

L: Open your eyes, ears, and hearts. The Lord is near those who love him and are called by his name.

P: We are here to worship and praise the Lord whom we love.

A: Let us seek and praise the Lord our God this day. Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Our Father God, we pray earnestly and expectantly that you will fill our hearts and this place with your presence. Teach us the way of the cross. It is a difficult life, but we trust it is the only true life worthy of your mission. Teach us the words of Jesus and shape our lives by them. Teach us the deeds of Jesus and form us by them. We are eager and ready to hear the gospel and praise your holy name. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“God Lifts the Lowly”

Pastor Peter Choi

Lori Conyers