

Message
“God’s Caring for the Lowly.”
by
Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH#140

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Isabelle Martin.

Happy Anniversary to Jason & Corey Smidt—19 years.

Prayer List: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Fred Will,
Merlin Beahm and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

We offer to you our offerings, O God, and ask that you would receive them as tokens of our offering ourselves to your service. As these gifts are used in sharing your gospel may we be loving, serving signs of your presence in this world. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Precious Name” UMH#536

Benediction

May this Lenten season deepen our commitment to Christ and his Gospel. As we go forth from place, let us renew our efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus. May we be a light for others to follow, living out our faith in word and deed. Go forth in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Amen.

Sending Forth



**United
Methodist
Church
Minden,
Nebraska
10:00 a.m.
March 12, 2023**

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are walking the Lenten journey. Every day at 7:00am, daily devotion will be posted on Facebook and YouTube.
2. Minden Inter-Church Ministry hosts lunches on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The lunches will start at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited and help our community with your support.
3. Please consider food pantry items during this Lenten season and bring non-perishable items to put in the shopping cart at the entrance of the church.
4. We are looking for Bell Choir members. They practice at 6:00 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. Ad Council will meet Wednesday, March 15, at 7pm.
7. Join us for refreshments following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,875. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

P: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Almighty King” UMH#61

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.