

Message
"How to Make the Most of Your Life"
by
Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn **UMH#127**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Dave Olsen & Gene Lundeen.

Happy Anniversary to Lonnie & Marsha Granger—36 yrs.

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

From your hands, O God, come to the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the lives of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn **UMH#469**

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Benediction

Lord, unbind us from our fears and doubts. As we go from this place of worship, be with us in our witness to the power and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude **Glen Haselbarth**

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

Prelude **Glen Haselbarth**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to follow Lent Devotional Reading videos. They are available on youtube and facebook by 7 am daily.
2. Coming Services:
 - 1) Palm Sunday Service: 10:00 AM, April 2. We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as Kids sing a song waving palm branches.
 - 2) Maundy Service: 7:00 PM, April 6. We will wash one another's hands and offer the Holy Communion.
 - 3) Good Friday Service: noon, April 7. We will have time to repent of our sins on the cross, as Jesus Christ died for our sins.
 - 4) Easter Service: 10:00 AM, April 9. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together.
3. Matthew Fowler from Kearney UMC will lead an informational meeting regarding the UMC and what is happening with disaffiliation at 1:00 pm today.
4. Minden Inter-Church Ministry hosts lunch on Wednesdays at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church.
5. Please consider food pantry items during this Lent and bring non-perishable items. A shopping cart is at the entrance of the church.
6. We are looking for Bell Choir members. Bell Choir practice is at 6:00 pm Wednesday.
7. If you want to serve our church and ministry, please write your name on the sheet in the back to be a scripture reader, usher, greeter or refreshment host.
8. Lion Club Pancake Feed is today from 10 am – 1 pm, at the Kearney Country Fairgrounds.
9. All are invited to Gene Lundeen's 90th Birthday Party this Friday, March 31, from 3:30-5:30pm.
10. Last week we received offerings of \$2,837. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

P: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

L: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

P: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

L: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

P: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#348

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"



SING PRAISES TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

PSALM 105:2



Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Dawn Moyer

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.