

Message
“Meeting Women in the Gospel of Luke”
by
Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Janell Shelton, Vivian Bunger,
Larry Evans, Jane Craig, Roxanne Sorensen,
and Roma Anderson.

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Roxanne Sorensen—38 years.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, and our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

Holy Communion

“One Bread, One Body” UMH#620

Closing Song “We Are” #50

Benediction

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God’s blessing.

Sending Forth

**United
Methodist
Church
Minden,
Nebraska
10:00 a.m.
March 5, 2023**



Welcome and Announcements

1. We are walking the Lenten journey. Everyday at 7:00 am, daily devotion will be posted on Facebook and YouTube.
2. Minden Inter-Church Ministry hosts lunches every Wednesday during the Lenten season. The lunches start at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Please come and help the ministry. Thank you all, ladies, who prepared and served the food.
3. In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to give up something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. Please consider food pantry items. A shopping cart is at the entrance of the church. You can bring non-perishable items. You will have an impact on our community as you share your food with others.
4. We are looking for Bell Choir members. They will 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. March Newsletter is in the lobby if you would like a printed copy.
7. UMW will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 9:30am.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$3,284. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who need help!

P: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

P: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

P: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world. Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us.

Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in the story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger.

And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs “The Heart of Worship” “10,000 Reasons”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

Luke 7:36-48 (NIV)

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Larry Evans