

## Message

Pastor Peter Choi  
"The Paradox of Palm Sunday!"

## Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Joan Fries.

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

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Music

"Doxology      "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

## Offertory Prayer

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph, and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place.

Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Special Music      "How Beautiful"

Closing Song      "Marching to Zion"      UMH#733

## Benediction

Go now in joy! Remember the day of celebration when Jesus boldly and humbly rode into the city of fear and anger. Do not fear. Do not be afraid. Go in peace. AMEN.

## Sending Forth

## United Methodist Church

Minden, Nebraska

10:00 a.m.

April 2, 2023

Hymn      "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"      UMH#278

## Welcome and Announcements

1. Thank you, all participants, for the Lenten Devotional Readings. With your devotion, this Lent is meaningful.
2. Coming Services:
  - 1) Maundy Service: 7:00 PM, April 6. We will wash one another's hands and offer the Holy Communion. We need a communion host and servers. If you are interested, please let me know.
  - 2) Good Friday Service: noon, April 7. We will have time to repent our sins on the cross, as Jesus Christ died for our sins. We also need a host who can prepare a light lunch for forty people.
  - 3) Easter Service: 10:00 AM, April 9. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together.
3. Easter Cards are in the back. Donations will go towards mission trips.
4. Please consider food pantry items during this Lent. And bring non-perishable items
5. We are looking for Bell Choir members. They practice at 6:00 pm Wednesday.
6. Today, at 3:00 pm, you can watch "The Passion of the Christ", at the Minden Opera House. Free Admission, popcorn and soda.
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. Last week we received offerings of \$1,815. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: Hosanna! Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst.**

L: He comes with joy and hope.

**P: He comes to set us free from fear.**

L: Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.**

**AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

With great joy, we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long, and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come in to our hearts and our lives humbly and patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Opening Songs "Jesus, Your Name"

**"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" TFWS#2034**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

## Children's Time

## Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

**UMH#882**

## Scriptures

**Melissa Klabunde**

### Luke 19:37-40 (NIV)

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

### 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.**