

Message “Do You Love Me?” by Pastor Peter Choi
Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH#369

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Joyce Bender, Riley Ratka, and Marjorie Hultquist.

Happy Anniversary to Doug & Shirley Fellers—23 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

Loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts as we prepare to offer our gifts and tithes to you. We thank you for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon us, and we acknowledge that everything we have comes from you. As we give back a portion of what you have entrusted to us, we ask that you bless these offerings and use them for your glory. May they be used to further your kingdom, to support the work of our congregation, and to extend your love and compassion to those in need. Thank you for the privilege of giving, and may our offerings be a reflection of our love and devotion to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn UMH#322
“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Benediction

Christ has brought us together: together in faith, together in hope, together in love. We have gathered together to be sent out again: sent out with the welcome message of God’s love! We go forth together, to be living testimonies of Christ’s love! Amen!

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
3rd Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.
April 23, 2023

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Bible Study will resume at 10am and 5pm Thursday.
2. Confirmation Class will be at 5:30 pm this Wednesday.
3. On April 30, our youth group will host a lunch to raise funds for a mission trip. We invite everyone to this special event.
4. The clip boards are in the back if you want to volunteer for scripture reader, usher and greeter, or refreshment Host.
5. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$8,222. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Even in the midst of our questions.

P: We will praise the Lord.

L: Even with fears of what might be.

P: We will praise God for God’s mighty deeds, according to God’s surpassing greatness.

L: We come with faith that is growing in spite of this.

P: Praise God with song and dance.

L: Let us offer worship and praise to the living God, the Risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

P: Let everything that breathes praise God. Praise God!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH#882

Scripture

Jane Craig

John 21:1-19 (NIV)

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.