

**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m., January 14, 2024**



Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. During this Lenten season, we offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion.

If you choose a day of 40 days, you read the scripture and prayer in the Upper Room. Pastor Peter will record the video. Or you can record yourself and send it to peterchoiminden@gmail.com or his phone number. Then he will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily. If you are interested, please contact the church office or write your name on the sheet.

2. During this Lenten season, Pastor Peter will offer a six-week study group on world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. This presents a wonderful opportunity to gain insights into Christianity and other religions, fostering a better understanding and enabling us to coexist harmoniously with people of different faiths. The study sessions will commence on February 20 and will take place every Tuesday at 10:30 am and 5:00 pm for six weeks. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Choi or the church office.

The time may be adjusted based on participation.

3. 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.

4. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.

Call to worship!

L: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

L: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

L: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

Opening Prayer

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH#139

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Happy Birthday to

Pastor Peter Choi
Kim Snavelly
Jack Hultquist
Alison Lovin
Jim Madsen

Happy Anniversary to

Prayer List:

Dan Frizane
Joe Hultquist
Marjorie Hultquist,
Larry Anderson
Merlin Beahm
Kent Verbeck
Peggy Rasmussen

January 7-13, 2024

Sunday

11:00am Adult Sunday
School

Monday

7:00pm Girl Scouts
7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday

3:30pm Wednesday
School

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

**Vision for 2024:
All things work
together for good.
(Romans 8:28)**

Scriptures

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV) The Lord Calls Samuel

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Yes! I am Listening!" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH#419

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering—Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we are so grateful for the many blessings you give to us. May these gifts we bring support your ministry in this church and in the world. Use them for your service, that lives, and hearts will be touched by them. May they provide a path for others to know your love and become a part of your holy family. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH#593

Sending Forth

And now, sisters and brothers, go from this place knowing that the God who made you also sustains you. The God who calls you also goes with you. The God who loved you before you were born still loves you today and into all the tomorrows. Amen.

Nadine Fahrlander