



**United Methodist Church**  
**340 N Newell Ave**  
**Minden, Nebraska**  
**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**10:00 a.m., January 21, 2024**

**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. You choose a day during the 40 days and read the Upper Room. Pastor Peter can record the video or you can record and send it to [peterchoiminden@gmail.com](mailto:peterchoiminden@gmail.com) or 201-888-8430. Then he will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily. Please write your name on the clip board in the back of the sanctuary.
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 begin 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.
3. The Contribution Statement for 2023 are ready at the back of the sanctuary. If any corrections need made please contact the church office.
4. 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.
5. We will have refreshments in room 300 following worship.

**Call to worship!**

L: Christ is calling you as disciples

**P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.**

L: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

**P: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.**

L: Listen for Christ's call to you.

**P: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

**UMH#882**

**Opening Songs "How Great is Our God" #4 & "Shout to the Lord"**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Time**

**Happy Birthday to**

Zach Klabunde  
Makenna Dornhoff  
Ian Sinsel

**Happy Anniversary to**

**Prayer List:**

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

**January 21-27, 2024**

**Sunday**

11:00am Adult Sunday  
School

**Monday**

WIC Clinic 8am-4pm

**Tuesday**

7:00pm Cub Scouts

**Wednesday**

3:30pm Wednesday  
School

4:30pm SPRC Meeting

6:30pm Youth Group

**Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

5:00pm Boy Scouts

**Saturday**

12pm-5pm Girl Scouts

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

**Scriptures**

**Havens Kids**

**Jonah 3:1-5 (NIV) Jonah Goes to Nineveh**

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

**Jonah 3:10 (NIV)**

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**Mark 1:14-20 (NIV) Jesus Announces the Good News**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

**Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Message**

**"A Second Time!" Pastor Peter Choi**

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

**Offering—Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back, and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**"Because He Lives"**

**Sending Forth**

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God, which is poured out for you, and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. AMEN.