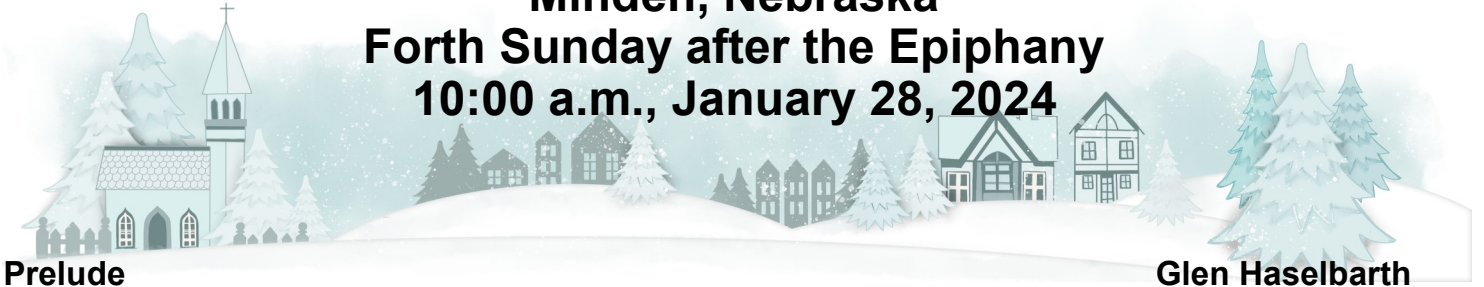


**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Forth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 a.m., January 28, 2024**



**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Ash Wednesday: The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm on February 14. If you cannot attend the 7pm service Pastor Peter will be available from 11:00am to 1:00pm if you would like the imposition of ashes.
2. Daily Devotions: During this Lenten season, we offer an opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. You choose a day of 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 for the season of Lent. If you are interested, please contact the church office or write your name on the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary.
3. Study Group: During this Lenten season, Pastor Peter will offer a six-week study group on world religions. 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.
4. Volunteers Needed: Clipboards 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. The Messenger: Newsletter can be picked up in the back if you want a printed copy.
6. Join us: We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.

**Call to worship!**

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**P: We praise God with our whole heart!**

L: God's works are great!

**P: Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

**P: May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as we gather today, we seek Your guidance in the midst of life's noises. Grant us discernment, a balance of knowledge and love. Open our eyes to Your truth and help us recognize Your calling. In this time of worship, may the gift of discernment be our guiding light. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

**UMH#882**

**Opening Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"**

**UMH#176 (2 times)**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Time**

**Happy Birthday to**  
Dudley Scharff

**Happy Anniversary**

**Prayer List:**

Dan Frizane  
Marjorie Hultquist  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm

**January 28—**  
**February 3, 2024**

**Sunday**

11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**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 Corinthians 8:1-6 (NIV)**

**Concerning Food Sacrificed to Idols**

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God.

So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

**Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)**

**Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit**

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“Discerning the Time: Pastor Peter Choi**  
**Understanding God’s Will Today.”**

**Hymn**

**“Lord, Speak to Me”**

**UMH#463**

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

**Offering—Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**UMH#545**

**Sending Forth**

As you go from this place, may God bless you with open hearts to recognize the gifts and graces in one another and in your neighbors, open minds ready to dream with the Spirit, and open doors ready to welcome the reign of God's love right here and right now. Amen.

**Postlude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**KayLyn McBride**