



**United Methodist Church**  
**340 N Newell Ave**  
**Minden, Nebraska**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**February 18, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. During this Lenten season, we offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. You choose a day of 40 days and read the Upper Room. Pastor Peter will record the video. Or you can record yourself and send it to his email or phone number. 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 write your name on the sheet on the back of the sanctuary.
2. Beginning this week, 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 write your name on the sheet.
3. Minden Inter-Church Ministry will host lunches on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The lunches start at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. The cost of the meal is \$7. This Wednesday, our church will host the lunch and Pastor Peter's will give the devotion.
4. The Staff Parish Relations Committee has recently sent a survey to all church members. Please read the letter and complete and return your survey by February 23, 2024.
5. Youth Group will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
6. Bell Choir will practice this Wednesday at 6:45pm.
7. 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.
8. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
9. Last weeks we received offerings of \$2,355.

**Call to worship!**

L: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

**P: Where will this journey take us?**

L: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

**P: How much time do we have to get ready?**

L: The time is now at hand for this journey.

**P: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

The season of Lent is here again, and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

## **Happy Birthday to**

Jeff Hanson  
James Wilkinson  
Merlin Beahm

## **Happy Anniversary to**

Bill & Kathy  
Hunter—55 years

## **Prayer List:**

Dan Frizane  
Marjorie Hultquist  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Angela  
Peggy Rasmussen

## **February 18-24, 2024**

### **Sunday**

11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

### **Monday**

7pm Girl Scouts

### **Tuesday**

10:30am Study Group  
5:00pm Study Group  
7:00pm Girl Scouts

### **Wednesday**

11:45am \$7 Lenten  
Lunch at Westminster  
United Presbyterian  
Church  
3:30pm Wednesday  
School  
6:30pm Youth Group  
6:45pm Bell Choir  
Practice

### **Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

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

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)                      UMH#882**

**Opening Songs    "Draw Me Close" & "Your Grace is Enough" #26**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Children's Time**

## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 23:26-34 (NIV)**

## **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'"

For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message    "Father, Forgive Them."    Pastor Peter Choi**

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

## **Offering**

**Doxology**

**UMH#94**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## **Offertory Prayer**

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.

## **Commendation & Welcome**

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We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen!

**Closing Song    "When I Survey" (#33)**

**UMH#298**

## **Sending Forth**

The journey has begun. God is with you. Go forth to learn, to teach, to serve. Go and bring peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## **Postlude**

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