



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.
February 25, 2024

The Journey to the Cross

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Continue to watch devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube during this Lent. The video will be posted at 7:00am daily.
2. Pastor Peter is having a six-week study group on world religions. The class is at 10:00am on Tuesday. This week we will learn about Hinduism.
3. Minden Inter-Church Ministry hosts lunches on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The lunches start at 11:45am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. The cost of the meal is \$7.
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. Education Team Meeting 5:00pm, Wednesday, February 28th.
6. Bell Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:45pm.
7. We will have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last weeks we received offerings of \$3,618.

Call to worship!

L: In the midst of life's storms, Jesus whispers to our hearts, "You will be with me in paradise."

P: **With hope and faith, we come to worship, embracing the promise of eternal life.**

L: Let us open our hearts in worship, knowing that in God's presence, we find a glimpse of the paradise that awaits us.

P: **With joyful songs and grateful hearts, we come to worship God, who leads us on the journey from this life to the next, assuring us, "You will be in paradise with me."**

All: **Let us worship God together, in spirit and truth. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Lord of presence and power, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, and our hearts to ministry in your name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH#369

Happy Birthday to

Clark Bauer
Ed Rowse
Sirena Havens
Shirley Fellers

Happy Anniversary to

Merlin & Lynette
Beahm—49 years

Prayer List:

Marjorie Hultquist
Larry Anderson
Merlin Beahm
Angela
Peggy Rasmussen

February 25-March 2

Sunday

11:00am Adult
Sunday School
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Monday

7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

10:00am Study Group
with Pastor Choi
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

11:45am \$7 Lenten
Lunch at Westminster
United Presbyterian
Church
3:30pm Wednesday
School
5:00pm Education Mtg
6:45pm Bell Choir
Practice

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

World Day of Prayer

Saturday

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32 & 39-43 (NIV)

Sophie Graham

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise."

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"In the Garden"

UMH#314

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

Offering

Doxology

UMH#94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, as we come before You with our gifts and offerings, we are reminded of Your greatest gift to us – the promise of paradise, where we will be with You forever. As You have generously given to us, so we give back to You, dedicating these gifts to Your work on earth, so that others might know the hope of paradise with You. Bless these gifts and each person who gives. May our lives reflect the beauty of Your eternal promise, and may we live each day in anticipation of the joy of being with You in paradise. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

UMH#701

Sending Forth

Be strong in the Lord. You can walk in God's ways, for God is with you, offering you peace, hope, courage, and joy. God's love abides with you always. Go in peace. AMEN.

Postlude

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