



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. The Staff Parish Relations Committee has recently sent a survey to all church members' homes regarding our congregations' current ministry and our own involvement. Please read the letter and complete and return your survey by February 23, 2024. A box labeled "Survey" will be located in the west entryway of the church. All responses are anonymous. Please drop your survey into the box. Or you may mail your survey to our church without your return address.
2. The Lenten season begins with the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on February 14. If you cannot attend the 7 pm service, Pastor Peter will be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to administer the imposition of ashes.
3. This Lenten season, we offer an opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. You choose a day of 40 days and read the Upper Room. Pastor Peter can record the video or you can record yourself and send it to him. Then he will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily for the season of Lent. Please write your name on the sheet on the back of the sanctuary.
4. Beginning February 20, 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 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.
5. 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.
6. No Wednesday School this week because of Parent/Teacher conferences.
7. Youth Group will be Wednesday at 6:30pm.
8. The February Newsletter can be picked up in the back if you want a printed copy.
9. Pastor Peter will be away for the interview of ordination from this Monday through Wednesday.
10. Sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, Refreshment, and Daily Devotion are in the back. Please Volunteer.
11. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
12. Last weeks we received offerings of \$1,690.

Call to worship!

L: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

P: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

L: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

P: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

L: Praise be to God who has called us here.

P: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Powerful God, from the very beginning, you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all the joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Happy Birthday to

Mark Loseke
Mick Jameson
John Mullin
Kara Suchsland

Happy Anniversary to

Dick & KayLyn
McBride—57 years

Prayer List:

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

February 4-10, 2024

Sunday

11:00am Adult
Sunday School

Monday

7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday

6:30pm Youth Group

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

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

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Songs "Jesus, Your Name" & "Still" #39

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Jodi Boudreau

Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)

Jesus Heals Many

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Everyone Is Searching for You." Pastor Peter Choi

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH#94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

God of power and patience, as we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Holy Communion

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Special Music "The Gift of Love"

Closing Song

"We Are" #50

Sending Forth

We are being sent into a world in need of healing. We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace. Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you. Bring the news of peace and hope to all you meet. AMEN.

Postlude

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