



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

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Coming Services

- 1) Palm Sunday Service: 10:00 AM, March 24. We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Kids will sing a song, waving palm branches.
- 2) Maundy Thursday: Pastor Peter will upload a devotion at 7pm on March 28 on Facebook and YouTube.
- 3) Good Friday Service: 7:00 PM, March 29. We will have time to repent of our sins on the cross, as Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins.
- 4) Easter Service: 10AM, March 31. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus together.

2. Continue to watch devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube during this Lent. The video will be posted at 7:00 am daily.
3. Pastor Peter is having a six-week study group on world religions. The class is at 10:00 am on Tuesday in the library. This week, we will learn about Judaism.
4. Minden Inter-Church Ministry hosts lunches, cost \$7, on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The lunches start at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church.
5. Looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 2024. If you would like to help mark on your calendar for our first planning meeting, April 14 at 5:00 pm.
6. United Women in Faith will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 13.
7. Finance Meeting at 6:00pm, March 13.
8. Sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, and Refreshment are in the back. If you want to serve our Church and ministry, please write your name on an open date.
9. Last weeks we received offerings of \$5,407.

Call to worship!

L: As we gather in this sacred space, let us quiet our hearts and minds, for we stand on holy ground.

P: We come, seeking the presence of the Almighty, the One who hears our cries and knows our deepest sorrows.

L: Let us draw near to the mystery of the cross, where love and suffering intersect, where redemption is born out of agony.

P: In the shadow of the cross, we find solace for our souls, strength for our journey, and hope for our tomorrows.

L: Today, we reflect on the anguished cry of Jesus, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Let us enter into the sacred silence, listening for the whisper of the Spirit.

P: May our hearts be open, our spirits receptive, as we journey together into the depths of God's unfailing love.

L: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, for we are gathered as one body, united by the bond of Christ's sacrifice.

P: Holy is the Lord, worthy of all honor and glory. May our worship be pleasing in your sight, O God, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather in your presence today, we come with hearts open wide and spirits ready to receive. We thank you for the gift of this sacred time together. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will, the courage to follow where you lead, and the grace to embrace your love in every moment. May your Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and actions as we worship you in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Roma Anderson
Isabelle Martin

Happy Anniversary to

Jason & Corey
Smidt—20 years

Prayer List:

Marjorie Hultquist
Larry Anderson
Merlin Beahm

March 10-16, 2024

Sunday

11:00am Adult
Sunday School

Monday

Tuesday

10:00am Study Group
with Pastor Choi

Wednesday

9:30am United
Women in Faith (UMW)
11:45am \$7 Lenten
Lunch at Westminster
United Presbyterian
Church
3:30pm Wednesday
School

6:00pm Finance Mtg

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 Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH#400

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Marilyn Rasmussen

Mark 15:29-36a (NIV)

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The Death of Jesus

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

UMH#297

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

Offering

Doxology

UMH#94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we bring our offerings before you with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts and use them to spread your love and mercy in our world. Thank you for the privilege of giving back to you. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

UMH#378

Sending Forth

As we depart, let us carry the weight of Jesus' cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" May it remind us of his sacrifice and the depth of his love. Let's embody his compassion, reaching out to the abandoned. Know that even in doubt, God's presence surrounds us, offering peace and strength. Go forth as bearers of light, bringing hope to a longing world. Amen.

Postlude

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