



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.
March 17, 2024

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Coming Services

- 1) Palm Sunday Service: 10:00 AM, March 24. We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The kids will sing a song and wave palm branches.
- 2) Maundy Thursday Devotion: 7:00 PM, March 28. Pastor Peter will upload a Devotion through Facebook and YouTube.
- 3) Good Friday Service: 07:00 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: 10:00 AM, March 31. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

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's six-week study group on world religions is at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. This week we will learn about Islam.

4. Minden Inter-Church Ministry \$7 Lenten lunch is Wednesday at 11:45 am at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

5. We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School from June 23 to 27, 2024. If you would like to help, mark your calendar for our first planning meeting on April 14 at 5:00 p.m.

6. Sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reader, Usher and Greeter and Refreshment host are in the back. If you want to serve our Church and ministry, please sign up.

7. We will have refreshments in room 300 following worship.

8. Last weeks we received offerings of \$1,980.

Call to worship!

L: We remember a moment on the cross, a moment of deep human need and divine sacrifice. Jesus said, "I thirst."

P: In His thirst, we see our own thirst for love, for justice, for connection with God.

L: Our souls long for the living water that only Christ can give.

P: Today, we are thirsty. Thirsty for hope, thirsty for grace, thirsty for the presence of God in our lives.

L: Jesus, who thirsted on the cross, offers us the water of life. He meets us in our deepest need and fills us with living water, so we will thirst no more.

P: Together, let us drink deeply from the well of salvation. Let us worship God, who quenches our thirst, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

O God of life and beauty, grant us this day an encounter with your presence. Meet with us in our prayers, in our praise, in our reflection, and in our giving. May all that is said and done here today reflect our great love for you and our gratitude for your blessings in our lives. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Ginger Frizane
 Sandy Johnson
 Russ Olsen
 Amy Kring
 Laci Loseke
 Lisa Maulsby

Happy Anniversary to

Russ & Carolyn
 Olsen—10 years

Prayer List:

Larry Anderson
 Merlin Beahm
 Peggy Rasmussen

March 17-23, 2024**Sunday**

11:00am Adult
 Sunday School

Monday

WIC 8am-4pm
 7:00pm Girl Scouts
 7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Mobile Food Pantry

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 "Here I Am to Worship" #22 & "Above All"****Passing the Peace of Christ****Children's Time****Scripture Reading**

John 19:28-29 (NIV)

The Death of Jesus

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"I Thirst!"

Pastor Peter Choi

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

UMH#94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we remember Jesus' cry on the cross, "I thirst," His words remind us of our deep need for You, the source of living water, and the profound sacrifice made to quench our spiritual thirst. As we present our offerings to You today, we do so as a response to the living water You have poured into our lives. Lord, may our gifts help quench the thirst of those longing for You, spreading the living water of Your gospel across our community and the world.

Closing Song

"In Christ Alone"

W & S #3105

Sending Forth

Dear friends, as we depart this sacred space, let us carry the words of our Savior Jesus Christ: "I thirst." As we go forth into the world, may we remember His thirst for justice, his thirst for compassion, and His thirst for reconciliation. Let us be vessels of His love, quenching the thirst of those who hunger for kindness, understanding, and acceptance. May His thirst inspire us to seek out those who are marginalized, those who are suffering, and those who are in need of hope. Amen.

Postlude

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