



United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska

Easter Day

10:00 a.m., March 31, 2024

Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. Thank you all who have served our church and community for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. With your support and participation, we can sustain our ministry and make our church brighter.
2. The last class in world religions will be this Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 am in the library.
3. The SPRC meeting will be this Wednesday, April 3, at 5:30 pm in the library.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
7. Last weeks we received offerings of \$3,040.

Call to worship!

L: The tomb is dark, but empty

P: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

L: The stone has been rolled away

P: The one you are looking for has overcome death

L: The burial clothes are put aside

P: The one you are looking for is alive!

L: Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen Indeed!

A: Let us worship our Risen Savior

Opening Prayer

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day!

Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Songs "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302
"Mighty to Save" #20

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Special Music by the Children "Amazing Grace" & "Risen for Me"

Happy Birthday to

Gene Lundeen

Joan Fries

Prayer List:

Doug Fellers

Dan Frizane

Joe Hultquist

Larry Anderson

Merlin Beahm

Peggy Rasmussen

March 31-April 6, 2024

Easter Sunday

11:00am Adult

Sunday School

Monday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

10:00am Study Group
with Pastor Choi

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday

3:30pm Wednesday
School

5:30pm SPRC mtg.

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

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

He is Risen

Scripture Reading

Josie Graham

John 20: 1-18 (NIV) The Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Conquered the Grave"

Pastor Peter Choi

Special Music

"Forever"

Bell Choir

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "Remembrance" #38

Closing Song

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

UMH 322

Sending Forth

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen!

Postlude

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