

**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Forth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m., April 21, 2024**



**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Please join us on April 28 after the worship service for a special meeting to discuss the survey results and engage in conversation to make positive changes in our church. Pizza and salad will be provided for lunch.
2. On Sunday, May 5, we honor our high school graduates during our regular service. Please join us in blessing the achievements and future paths of the graduating students: Braxton Janda, Marah Dornhoff, Gracie Fries, Jessie Tunnell, and Neele Janssen.
3. On April 28 and May 5, the mission team will be selling Mother's Day Roses for \$6 each.
4. Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 pm.
5. National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 2 from 6:30 to 7:45pm at Minden Exchange Bank Community Room.
6. 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 the sheet in the back.
7. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last weeks we received offerings of \$6,659.

**Call to worship!**

L: Welcome, seekers of truth and journeyers of faith!

**P: We gather in this sacred space, ready to explore the depths of doubt and the heights of faith.**

L: In the midst of our uncertainties and questions, let us remember that we are not alone.

**P: For in our wrestling, we discover the presence of the Divine, guiding us along the path of understanding.**

L: As we open our hearts and minds to the mystery surrounding us, let us lean into the assurance of God's steadfast love.

**P: May our doubts be transformed into stepping stones of faith, leading us closer to the source of all truth. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

God, open our hearts and minds to receive your word. Give us curiosity so that we might seek understanding, and give us the courage to ask hard questions of Your word and ourselves. Above all, fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to trust in your word today. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Happy Birthday to**

Joyce Bender  
Riley Ratka

**Prayer List:**

Val Kauk  
Doug Fellers  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Peggy Rasmussen  
Kent Verbeck

**April 21-27, 2024**

**Sunday**

11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

**Monday**

8am-4pm WIC

**Tuesday**

7:00pm Cub Scouts

**Wednesday**

3:30pm Wednesday  
School  
6:30pm Youth Group

**Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Keller Koch &  
Erin Lempka Wedding

**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

"You Are My All in All" W&S#3040

"Shout to the Lord" #63

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Kay Lyn McBride

**Psalm 19:1-6 (NIV)**

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Is There a God?"

Pastor Peter Choi

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

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, with gratitude, we offer these gifts to You. Bless them and multiply them for Your purposes. May they bring hope, comfort, and healing to those in need. Teach us to be faithful stewards of all You've given us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing Song

"Blessed Be Your Name" #5

Sending Forth

May we go forth with hearts open to the mystery of the Divine, trusting that even in our uncertainty, God is present, guiding us with love and grace. Amen.

Postlude

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