

# United Methodist Church

## 340 N Newell Ave Minden, Nebraska

### Second Sunday of Easter

#### 10:00 a.m., April 7, 2024

Prelude

Lena Choi

#### Welcome and Announcements

1. Our first meeting for Vacation Bible School will be at 1:00 pm on April 14. If you would like to help, mark your calendar for our first planning meeting.
2. The Youth Group will have a special fun night of pizza and bowling at Bowling Alley in Minden at 6:30 pm on April 10. Please tell all your youth friends about this special program.
3. Please join us on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. 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.
5. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
6. Last weeks we received offerings of \$2,773.

#### Call to worship!

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

L: Walk in the light of his love.

**P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

L: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.**

#### Opening Prayer

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

#### Silent Prayer of Confession

**The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

**UMH#882**

**Opening Songs "Believe" #29**

**"Fill My Cup, Lord" W&S#3093**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Time**

#### **Happy Birthday to**

Val Kauk

#### **Prayer List:**

Doug Fellers  
Dan Frizane  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Peggy Rasmussen

#### **April 7-13, 2024**

##### **Sunday**

11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

##### **Monday**

##### **Tuesday**

##### **Wednesday**

9:30am UMW  
3:30pm Wednesday  
School

6:30pm Youth Group  
at the Bowling Alley

##### **Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

##### **Friday**

##### **Saturday**

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



**Scripture Reading**  
**John 20:19-31 (NIV)**

**Sirena Havens**

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**Jesus Appears to Thomas**

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**The Purpose of John's Gospel**

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**  
**"We Walk In The Light"**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

**Holy Communion**

**Special Music "One Bread, One Body" UMH#620**

**Closing Song "Because He Lives" UMH#364**

**Sending Forth**

Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - the Easter people! AMEN.

**Postlude**

**Lena Choi**