

**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday  
Mother's Day  
10:00 a.m., May 12, 2024**



**Prelude**

**Glen Haselbarth**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Please pick up Mother's Day roses following the worship service. We will place them near the main door if you need to pick them up later.
2. The meeting for the Vacation Bible School will be held this Wednesday, 15th, at 7:00 pm. We encourage anyone interested in VBS to attend.
3. This Wednesday is our last kid's school before our school starts summer break.
4. 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.
5. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
6. Last weeks we received offerings of \$4,951.

**Call to worship!**

L: Lord, when we suffer, we want relief. We want it to stop.

**P: God's answer is not to remove suffering but to redeem it.**

L: Lord, when we suffer, we want to understand. We want to know why.

**P: God's answer is not to explain suffering but to grant the strength to bear it.**

L: Lord, when we suffer, we want control. We want power over our pain.

**P: God's answer is not control but presence. God's answer is the cross and the resurrection.**

**A: Even in suffering, God is with us.**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, as we gather today, we seek your presence and guidance. In our exploration of suffering, grant us wisdom and strength. Comfort those who are in pain and give us hope in the midst of trials. May this time of worship be a sanctuary where doubts are met with faith and fears with hope. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

**UMH#882**

**Opening Hymn "God Will Take Care of You"**

**UMH#130**

**Happy Birthday to**

Donlyn Space  
Sam Tunnell  
Gabi Froid  
Carolyn Olsen

**Prayer List:**

Doug Fellers  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Peggy Rasmussen  
Kent Verbeck

**May 12-18, 2024**

**Sunday**

Happy Mother's Day  
11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

7am-9pm Elections

**Wednesday**

3:30pm Wednesday  
School  
7:00pm Education Mtg

**Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Time

#### Scripture Reading

##### Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them,  
"Be fruitful and increase in number;  
fill the earth and subdue it.

Rule over the fish in the sea  
and the birds in the sky  
and over every living creature  
that moves on the ground."

##### Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Tristan Havens

#### Message

**"Innocent Suffering: Navigating the Depths of Human Experience"**

Pastor Peter Choi

#### Hymn

**"It Is Well With My Soul"**

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#### Celebration of Mother's Day

Video "Mom Knows"

Poetry Reading—Tony Ratka

"Blessings" sung by Chloe Choi

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

#### Offering

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

#### Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we give thanks for your abundant blessings in our lives. You have provided for us in ways both seen and unseen, and for that, we are grateful. May we be faithful stewards of all that you entrust to us, using our time, talents, and resources to serve others in love and to spread your message of hope and redemption. We also lift up to you those who are in need, both within our community and beyond. May these offerings bring comfort, relief, and support to those who are struggling. In all that we do, may our lives be a reflection of your grace and generosity. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Closing Hymn

**"Standing on the Promises"**

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#### Sending Forth

As we step out into the world, may we carry with us the light of Christ, shining brightly in the darkness, and may we be vessels of His love and compassion to all whom we encounter.

#### Postlude

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