

**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m., May 5, 2024**



**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. During today's worship, we will take time to honor and bless the graduates. Four students will graduate this year: Braxton Janda, Marah Dornhoff, Gracie Fries, and Jessie Tunnell. We are also recognizing Neele Janssen, our foreign exchange student, staying with Klabunde's.
2. The mission team is selling Mother's Day roses for \$6 each. You can pick them up at the church next Sunday.
3. Last Sunday, we held a special meeting along with SPRC to share ideas to make positive changes in our church. Various ideas were proposed, and we would like to hear more from you. So, we have placed papers on tables in the fellowship hall. Please, if you have any ideas, share them with us.
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 \$3,080.

**Call to worship!**

**L:** Jesus says, knock, and the door will be opened. Seek, and you shall find.

**P: God, we seek you. We trust in your wisdom and grace.**

**L:** Jesus says, if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

**P: God, we ask boldly, but we trust in your wisdom and grace.**

**L:** Jesus says, not my will, God, but your will be done.

**P: God, we pray to trust in your wisdom and grace.**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, in the midst of our doubts about unanswered prayers, we turn to you. Grant us the courage to bring our doubts before you and knowing that you are a God who listens and understands. Help us trust in your wisdom and timing, finding peace in your unfailing love. May this time of worship be a sanctuary where we seek clarity and strength in your presence. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

**UMH#882**

**Opening Songs**

**"The Power of Your Love"**

**"Great Is Their Faithfulness"**

**Happy Birthday to**

Gracie Fries  
Jaime Sinsel  
Scott Maxon  
Ray Havens

**Prayer List:**

Doug Fellers  
Larry Anderson  
Merlin Beahm  
Peggy Rasmussen  
Kent Verbeck

**May 5-11, 2024**

**Sunday**

11:00am Adult  
Sunday School

**Monday**

7pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday**

7pm Girl Scouts

**Wednesday**

9:30am United Women  
in Faith (UMW)  
3:30pm Wednesday  
School

**Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

Mobile Food Pantry

**Saturday**

Minden High  
School Graduation

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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Time

#### Scripture Reading

##### Psalm 22: 1-2 (NIV)

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.

##### Luke 15:5-8 (NIV)

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

##### The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

#### Message

**"When Prayers Go Unanswered"**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Recognition and Blessing of Students: Marah Dornhoff, Gracie Fries,  
Braxton Janda, Jessie Tunnell and Neele Janssen.**

#### Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

#### Offering

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

#### Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we come before you with our offerings, we recognize that all we have comes from your generous hand. You have blessed us abundantly, and we are grateful for the opportunity to give back a portion of what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom here on earth, bringing hope, healing, and transformation to those in need. Help us to be faithful stewards of all that you have given us, using our resources wisely and generously for the glory of your name. Amen.

#### Accepting Membership of Randy & Sheri Jensen

#### Holy Communion

**Special Music "In Christ Alone" #12**

#### Closing Song

**"We Are" #50**

#### Sending Forth

As we conclude our time together, let us carry the light of God's love into the world. May we go forth with hearts filled with hope, hands ready to serve, and spirits uplifted by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us be bearers of peace, agents of compassion, and ambassadors of grace wherever we go. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

#### Postlude

**Lena Choi**

