



United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Father's Day
10:00 a.m.
June 16, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

1. Vacation Bible School begins next Sunday, June 23 at 5:00pm and runs for five days. With the curriculum of Camp Firelight, our theme for this year is based on Psalm 56:3, 'Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.
2. 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.
3. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
6. Last weeks we received offerings of \$2,955 (June 2).

Call to worship!

L: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice.

P: We come together to worship our loving God, the source of all fatherhood and family.

L: Today, we celebrate and honor the fathers among us, giving thanks for their love and guidance.

P: We give thanks for fathers who reflect God's compassion and care, who provide wisdom and strength.

L: As we gather, let us open our hearts to God's presence, seeking to follow His example of unconditional love.

P: With joy and gratitude, we worship our Heavenly Father, who calls us His beloved children. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we gather in Your presence this morning with hearts full of gratitude. On this special day, we celebrate the gift of fatherhood and the fathers in our lives who have shown us glimpses of Your boundless love and care. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Larry Anderson
Tristan Havens

Happy Anniversary to

John & Jane
Albers—55 years
Denny & Fran
Lange—49 years

Prayer List:

Doug Fellers
Larry Anderson
Merlin Beahm
Peggy Rasmussen
Kent Verbeck

June 16-22, 2024

Sunday

Happy Father's Day

11:00am Adult
Sunday School

Monday

WIC

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

**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 **"King of Kings"**
 "Be Thou My Vision"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Shirley Fellers

Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Growing in Grace: A Father's Influence"

by

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Lord of life, we thank you for your faithful provision and care for our lives. We are grateful for the gifts over which you have made us stewards and caretakers. We now offer back to you our tithes and offerings. May our use of them help your kingdom to come. Bless the gifts and the givers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "How Beautiful" #34

Closing Song "I Will Follow" #36

Sending Forth

As we prepare to leave this sacred space, let us carry with us the love and grace of our Heavenly Father. On this special day, may we go forth with hearts filled with gratitude for the fathers and father figures who have blessed our lives. May we also strive to reflect God's nurturing and compassionate love in all our relationships, planting seeds of faith, hope, and love wherever we go. Amen.