

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we offer our gifts to You today, recognizing that all we have comes from You. Just as You have called both men and women to serve, You call us to offer our time, talents, and treasures in Your name. Bless these offerings that they may be used for Your kingdom's work—through the leadership of women and men, in our church and beyond. May our gifts help build up Your body, spread Your love, and bring justice and hope to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

UMH#206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Sending Forth

Now, go forth, knowing that God has called each of us to be a part of God's work in the world. Both women and men are called to share God's love and justice. As we leave this place of worship, let us carry the light of God's love into our communities and beyond. Let us go with open hearts, ready to serve and to share God's peace and hope. Go in peace, and may God guide each of your steps. Amen.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

February 23-March 1, 2025

Sunday

2:00pm Manifold Dance Recital

Monday

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School

5:00pm Education Meeting

6:30pm Youth Group

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome

Announcements

1. Presentation of the Bible Service will be celebrated during the worship on March 2. This tradition honors third graders and older by presenting them with their own Bible. Let's all take part and make this a meaningful time so our children can grow through the Bible.
2. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It's a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice, recognize our weaknesses, and take a moment to repent. Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 5 at 7:00 PM. We invite you to join us as we start our Lenten journey together, reflect on our faith, and deepen our relationship with God.
3. Lent Season begins on March 5! We are looking for 40 people to read 40 devotions from The Upper Room over 40 days to mark this season. If you choose to read a devotion, Pastor Peter will record it, or you can send him a video file. A sign-up sheet is available at the Church.
4. We'd love for you to consider volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you feel called to help with our Church and ministry, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
5. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$3,305. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, who calls and equips all His people.

P: We gather to praise the God who works through both men and women for His glory.

L: From the days of Scripture to today, God has used women as leaders, servants, and faithful witnesses.

P: We celebrate the women of faith who have gone before us and those who walk beside us.

L: Let us worship with open hearts, giving thanks for the ways God moves in all of us.

P: With joy and gratitude, we lift our voices in praise!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for calling us together in worship. We celebrate the ways You have used women of faith throughout history and continue to use all of us for Your glory. Open our hearts to hear Your Word, and strengthen us to live out Your calling in our lives. May our worship bring Your glory. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version **UMH#882**

Opening Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" **UMH#519**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Scriptures

Leanna Warner

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV) At the Home of Martha and Mary

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Romans 16:1-7 (NIV) Personal Greetings

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

Greet also the church that meets at their house.

Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Role of Women" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn of Response "Here I am, Lord" UMH#593

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Merlin Beahm, Clark Bauer, Ed Rowse, and Sirena Havens.

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Kathy Hunter—56 years.

Prayer List: Larry Anderson, Nadine Fahrlander, and Marion Johnson.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH #95

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Vision statement for 2025: ***"A Life Centered on Worship"***
inspired by **Romans 12:1**

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