United Methodist Church—340 N Newell Ave—Minden, Nebraska Transfiguration Sunday 10:00 a.m.—March 2, 2025

Welcome

Opening Songs "You Are My All in All" #75 & "How Can I Keep From Singing" #19

Call to worship!

L: We gather today in the presence of God, who reveals His glory to us.

P: Just as Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop, may we be transformed by His love.

L: The disciples stood in awe as they witnessed Christ shining in divine radiance.

P: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see Your glory in our midst.

L: God speaks to us even now, calling us to listen and follow His Son.

P: We are here to worship, to listen, and to be changed by the presence of Christ!

A: Let us worship God with joy and wonder!

Silent Prayer of Reflection

Prayer of Assurance

Gracious and loving God, in Your presence, we find light that overcomes darkness, grace that covers our failures, and love that transforms our hearts.

When we stumble, You lift us up.

When we doubt, You remind us of Your faithfulness.

When we feel unworthy, You call us beloved.

Just as You revealed Your glory on the mountaintop, reveal Your presence to us now. Assure that we are forgiven, redeemed, and made new by Your grace. May we leave this place not with fear but with confidence—knowing that we are held, guided, and forever loved by You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Presentation of the Bibles

Scriptures Kent Verbeck

Luke 9:28-36 (NIV) The Transfiguration

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Listen to Him"

Pastor Peter Choi

March 2, 2025

Announcements

- **1.** 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.
- **2**. Please watch devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube during this Lent. The video will be posted at 7:00 am daily. We are looking for 40 people to read 40 devotions from The Upper Room over 40 days to mark this season.
- **3.** 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.
- **4.** Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
- 5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,610.

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Special Music by Children's Bell Choir "Jesus Loves Me" and "Blessed Assurance"

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#95

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, from the mountaintop of glory to the valleys of our daily lives, You walk with us, providing all that we need. Today, we bring these gifts before You—not out of obligation, but as an act of love and gratitude. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to shine Your light in the world, bring hope to the weary, and share Your transforming love with all who seek You. May our hearts and lives reflect the radiance of Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "How Beautiful"

Closing Song "Glory to God Forever" #40

Sending Forth

Go forth from this place, remembering the glory of God revealed on the mountaintop. May the light of Christ shine through you, transforming your lives and the world around you. As you reflect God's love and grace, may you share it with those you meet, shining as a beacon of hope and faith. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Shirley Fellers
Joe Hultquist
Janell Shelton
Vivian Bunger
Larry Evans
Payden Havens
Jane Craig

Happy Anniversary to

Merlin & Lynette Beahm—50 years

Prayer List

Family & Friends of Larry Anderson

March 2-8, 2025

Sunday

Monday

7pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30pm –5:00pm Wednesday School 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday Friday

Saturday

(Daylight Savings Time Begins)



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