

Doxology

UMH #95

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, You have blessed us with Your mercy, offering us second chances and calling us to bear good fruit in Your name. As we bring these gifts before You, we do so with grateful hearts, acknowledging that all we have comes from You. Use these offerings to further Your work in the world, that others may come to know Your grace and be transformed by Your love. Bless both the gifts and the givers, that we may serve You faithfully and bear witness to Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me”

UMH#463

Sending Forth

Now, go forth with hearts embracing God's grace and lives ready to bear good fruit. The Lord, who is patient and merciful, has given us a second chance—may we live in response to His call. Share His love, walk in His ways, and trust in His unfailing grace. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

March 23-29, 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

5:30pm Ad Council Meeting

6:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave

Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent



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Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Video

Welcome

Announcements

1. Please watch devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube during Lent. The video will be posted at 7:00 am daily.
2. We'd really appreciate your help! If you're interested in volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
3. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$980. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Vision statement for 2025:

“A Life Centered on Worship”

inspired by **Romans 12:1**

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who seek the Lord, with hearts open to His grace.

P: We come, longing for renewal and a second chance.

L: Jesus calls us to repentance, not in condemnation, but in love—inviting us to bear good fruit.

P: We turn our hearts to God, ready to receive His mercy and walk in His ways.

L: The Lord is patient and compassionate, giving us time to return to Him.

P: Let us worship the God of grace, who calls us to new life!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

We come before You with humble hearts, grateful for Your patience and unfailing love. You call us to repentance—not to condemn us, but to restore us. You nurture us, giving us time and grace to grow in faith and bear good fruit. Help us, O Lord, to turn away from all that separates us from You. Open our hearts to Your Word today, that we may hear Your call and respond with obedience and trust. Fill this place with Your Spirit, and may our worship be pleasing to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us a second chance, we pray. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Hymn **“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”** **UMH 402**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Scriptures

Marilyn Rasmussen

Luke 13:1-9 (NIV) Repent or Perish

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Peter Choi

“God’s Call to Repentance”

Hymn of Response **“I Surrender All”** **UMH#354**

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Lisa Maulsby, John Finkner, and David Olsen.

Happy Anniversary to Ray & Karli Havens—18 years and Lonnie & Marsha Granger—38 years.

Prayer List:

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer

Offering