

**United Methodist Church—340 N Newell Ave—Minden, Nebraska**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**10:00 a.m.—April 6, 2025**

**Welcome**

**Opening Songs “How Great is Our God” & “King of Kings”**

**Call to worship!**

**L:** We gather today, remembering Mary’s act of love and devotion as she poured out precious perfume on Jesus’ feet.

**P:** **We come to offer our worship, just as Mary offered her heart, giving all that we have to honor Christ.**

**L:** In a world that often values possessions and status, we are called to value Jesus above all else.

**P:** **With open hearts, we give our best to the One who gave His all for us.**

**L:** Let us worship with love and gratitude, offering ourselves to Christ, the One who brings life and light.

**P:** **We come to worship, to love, to give thanks. May our worship be as sweet as the fragrance of Mary’s offering.**

**Silent Prayer of Reflection**

**Prayer of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scriptures**

**Leanna Warner**

**John 12:1-8 (NIV) Jesus Anointed at Bethany**

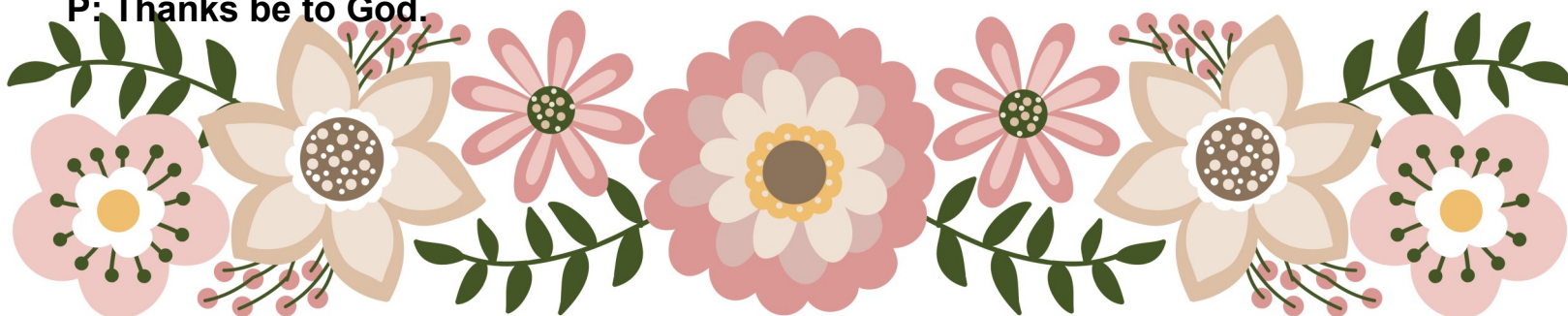
Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**



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**Message “How Precious Is Jesus to You?” by Pastor Peter Choi**

**Announcements**

**1. Upcoming Programs and Services**

**Palm Sunday Service: 10:00 AM, April 13;** We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The kids will sing a song and wave palm branches.

**Maundy Thursday Devotion: 7:00 PM, April 17;** Pastor Peter will share a devotion on Facebook and YouTube.

**Good Friday Service: 07:00 PM, April 18;** We will reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and take time for repentance.

**Easter Service: 10:00 AM, April 20;** Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

**2. Please continue watching the devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube.** The video will be posted at 7:00 am daily.

**3. 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.

**4. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.**

**5. Last week we received offerings of \$7,865.**

**Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering—Doxology**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Holy Communion      Special Music “When I Survey”**

**Closing Song      “Glorious Day”**

**Sending Forth**

Go now in the love and grace of Christ. Like Mary, may your life be an offering of devotion poured out in gratitude and love. As we journey toward Easter, may your faith be strengthened, your heart be open, and your spirit be renewed. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.



**Happy Birthday to**  
**Prayer List**

**April 6-12, 2025**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

7:00pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

3:30pm –5:00pm  
Wednesday School

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

