

Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 2026

7:00 am





Minnehaha United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation
We Seek. We Serve. We Celebrate.

Welcome Friends!

We welcome you to worship wherever you may be in your faith's journey. We strive to live in the way of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love on a daily basis regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history.

We livestream our worship services, and you may end up in view of the camera at any point in the service.

Worship Personnel

Rev. Becky Sechrist, *Pastor*;
Rev. Jean Elliott, *Director of Children, Youth, & Their Families*;
Anders Nelson, *Organist*;
Tim Siefkes, *Band Leader*;
Cindy Bergstrom, *Choir Director*;
Nicholas Sabah & John Davis, *Communion Stewards*

Minnehaha United Methodist Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary land of Dakota People.

Attendance

We are delighted you are here! We invite you to "sign the welcome pad" electronically.

If you point your camera phone at the QR code, it will take you to a Google form where you can enter your information.



Offering

For our offering, you can also give electronically through the PayPal account online, or by using this QR Code (which takes you to our PayPal account).



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April 5, 2026 7:00 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

Siri Strom

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon 1931

Welcome

Sylvia Fehr

*Call to Worship

Hazel Retherford

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive

People: New birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive

People: A new day is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive

People: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive

People: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive

People: New life is within us.

Leader: The Church is alive

People: God's Spirit is within us.

All: We worship the God of life, the God of creation, the God of revelation, the God of resurrection!

*Opening Song

Helen Retherford

Here Comes the Sun

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Here comes the sun, doo...

Here comes the sun
And I say, "It's all right"

Little darlin'
It's been a long, cold, lonely winter
Little darlin'
It feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, doo...
Here comes the sun
And I say, "It's all right"

Little darlin'
The smile's returning to the faces
Little darlin'
It seems like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun
And I say, "It's all right"

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darlin'
I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darlin'
It seems like years since it's been clear

Here comes the sun, doo...
Here comes the sun
And I say, "It's all right"
Here comes the sun, doo...
Here comes the sun
It's all right
It's all right

Morning Prayer

Elias Emrick

(by Robert H. Midgley)

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have

trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter day, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

inclusive

**Our Creator, God in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom* come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom and the power
and the glory forever. *Amen.***

**Kin-dom represents a hope for God's realm where we are all in community with one another.*

Scripture Readings

Calvin Emrick

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Luke 24:1-10

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

Message

Elsa Talcott (Jesus), Sylvia Fehr (Miriam), Diana Talcott (Tamar), Helen Retherford (Mary),
Alice Hanson (Angel), Siri Strom (Joanna), Walter Skalko (Centurion)
(written by Rev. Anna Strickland)

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

Nora Hesse

Amazing Grace

John Newton, *Olney Hymns*, 1779

Prayer of Dedication

Cullan Fehr

(adapted from *Flames of the Spirit*, ed. by Ruth C. Duck)

Wonderful, amazing, God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Song

Hallelu, Hallelu
Traditional

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah
Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah;
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah;
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah;
PRAISE YE THE LORD!

*Benediction

Alice Hansen & Nora Hesse

Leader: Jesus is not here. He is risen. Where will he be found?
People: **In our efforts to stand beside the troubled.**
Leader: Where will he be found?
People: **In our conflicts that seem impossible to resolve.**
Leader: Where will he be found?
People: **In our struggles to help our friends and family**
Leader: Where will he be found?
People: **In our willingness to break free from discouragement, frustration, depression and apathy.**
Leader: Where will he be found?
People: **In our joy at overcoming these and many other obstacles, and in our work, to make disciples of love and peace for the transformation of the world.**
Leader: Jesus is present in all these places, and found where there is hope and love, despair and sadness, everywhere.
People: **Christ is risen.**

*Traveling Song

This Little Light of Mine
American gospel song

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
HId e it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Not gonna let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Not gonna let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Not gonna let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

—HAPPY EASTER—

WELCOME TO ALL VISITING THIS EASTER SUNDAY!

We're so glad you're here. If you're seeking a church that feels like "home", we hope you'll consider Minnehaha United Methodist Church. We are a thriving multi-generational, multi-cultural congregation. Our Christian faith drives us to take action in our neighborhood through local missions, activism, and sharing the unconditional love of God with our neighbors. We work to make good things happen in our wider community.

We think you will find ours a community that has a lot to offer:

- A place where **everyone is welcome**;
- Faith development in a **positive, non-judgmental** way;
- **Meaningful worship** with varied music .
- A **dynamic children's program** and a strong, multi-faceted program for teens, with support for parents;
- Numerous opportunities for **service to others**;
- The opportunity for close, **life-long friendships**.

To find out more, visit our website (www.minnehaha.org) or contact our pastor, Becky Sechrist (becky@minnehaha.org). Thank you for your visit. We hope you'll come back soon. Our worship services are normally at 9:30 on Sundays, and we alternate our music styles between our band and the choir and organ. In the summer, we worship outside in our side lawn – our first worship service outside will be on May 24 at 10:00 a.m.



OUR EASTER GARDEN IS GIVEN TODAY BY:

Jenny Ammerman and Kristin Southworth in celebration of life.

Richard Chantry in memory of Darlene Chantry and Cheryllyne Chantry.

Marshall & Margaret Cook in memory of our parents.

John & Riley Davis in memory of Wanda Riley, Amina Shivani, and Dean Davis.

Wanda Driver in celebration of family.

Bob & Diane Enge in memory of our parents.

Sarah Hicks in celebration of family, especially grandchildren.

Arlo & Susan Johnson in celebration of grandchildren and greats.

Charlene & Craig Johnson in memory of family.

Charlene & Craig Johnson in celebration of being grandparents to Vivy.

Jen Johnson in memory of Joyce Johnson.

Peter & Sue Johnson in memory of those over the rainbow bridge.

Dan Nelson in memory of Brian Nelson.

Kristen Nelson in memory of Tammy Mott.

Pat Roth in memory of Joan Ellison.

Pat Roth in memory of Bob & Barb Ellison.

In Our Prayers

New in our prayers:

- **Discharged to Transitional Care:** Margaret Rawson, Barb Spleiss

Holding in prayer:

- **Hospitalized:** Barb Spleiss
- **Transitional Care:** Bev Young
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Jim Duncan (*Linda Duncan's husband*), Judy Durfey, George Gallagher, Barb Spleiss
- **Home Hospice:** Bonnie Graham



We are looking for Scripture Readers

Children, Teens & Adults are encouraged & welcome to sign up!

Annette Meier will send the scripture to you on Wednesday - if you don't hear from her, or you sign up later than Wednesday, please text/call her (612) 597-1778 or e-mail at salmeier@hotmail.com

Here is the link to the sign-up tool:



THIS WEEK AT MINNEHAHA

Sunday Apr 5, 2026 Easter

- 7a 7:00 Easter Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
- 9a Easter Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10a Easter Egg Hunt (2nd & 3rd Floors)
- 11a Easter Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Collective (Sanctuary)
- 7p SAA (306)

Monday Apr 6, 2026

- 1:30p Al-Anon (306)
- 6p Cub PPM
- 6:30p Troop Meeting (Fellowship Hall & Gym)

Tuesday Apr 7, 2026

- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 10a Food Shelf (Fellowship Hall, Narthex)
- 11:30a Staff Meeting
- 4p Organ practice (Sanctuary)
- 5p Nominations (210)
- 6p Karate Group (Gym)
- 6:30p Worship and Music Committee (210)

Wednesday Apr 8, 2026

- 9:10a Men's Study of Scripture + Prophetic Consciousness (210)
- 5:30p Methodicals (Wesley Room & Sanctuary)
- 5:30p Wednesday Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
- 6p Wednesday Night Childcare (Gym, Nursery, Preschool rooms)
- 6:15p Chancel Choir (310)
- 6:15p Confirmation Class (302/304)
- 6:15p Spring Musical Rehearsal (208)

Thursday Apr 9, 2026

- 9a Food Shelf Board (306)
- 9a Fun & Fitness Group (302/304)
- 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup (202/204)
- 6p Karate Group (Gym)
- 6:30p Project Healthy Bones (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)

Friday Apr 10, 2026

- 10a Al-Anon (306)
- 4p Organ practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p RCA (306)
- 7p Taizé (Sanctuary)

Saturday Apr 11, 2026

- 9a M. Mazvydas Lithuanian Heritage School (Narthex, 206, 208, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310)
- 11a Karate Group (Gym)
- 2:30p Court of Honor (Sanctuary and Narthex)

Sunday Apr 12, 2026

- 9:30a Worship with Organ (Sanctuary)
- 10:45a Adult Faith Formation (310)
- 10:45a Project Healthy Bones (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
- 10:45a Sunday School (Classrooms)
- 10:45a Young Families Storytime (Nursery)
- 11:30a Children's Council (210)
- 1p Curry Memorial reception (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
- 4p Youth Group (302/304)
- 6p Rehearsal Mpls Choir Collective (Sanctuary)
- 7p SAA (306)

MINNEHAHA

Youth Group

Sundays

4:00-5:30 PM

NOTES:
April 5: No Youth Group
April 19: Skateville after fundraiser lunch (1-3pm)

STONE SOUP

by Sally K. Albrecht
 &
 Jay Althouse

"Give them something to eat." Jesus

A Mini-Musical about unexpected company

Wednesday Rehearsals
 6:15-7:15 pm in Room 208

April - 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
 May - 6th & 13th (Dress Rehearsal)

Dinner served from 5:30-6:15 pm
 Sunday School Music Time - 10:45-11:00 am

Questions? Contact:

Rev. Chris Wehrman, Director dragonflize@gmail.com
 Rev. Jean Elliott, education@minnehaha.org

It's Here - the 2025

MINNEHAHA

YOUTH

PLANT SALE

Order your plants at gertensfundraising.com starting March 1.
 Sale ends April 6. (Store ID 412)

Pick-up at church on Wednesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00 pm

Proceeds go to the high school mission trip's "Dresser Build" with Bridging

FINAL CALL

Our youth are again selling beautiful plants from Gertens! The online sale ends on April 6. Place your order at gertensfundraising.com and use Store ID 412.

Join us on
 Sunday, April 12
 at 10:45 am

for
Young Families Storytime

2nd floor Nursery

- Listen to a Story
- Sing a Song
- Playtime



Church Service Auction & Social Gathering Fundraiser

Last year we expanded our **Church Service Auction** with the addition of **Magnificent Minnehaha Meet-Ups!** Join us on **April 19th** for a day of fun, food, fellowship, and support for our church.

What is the Service Auction?

The Service Auction allows church members to donate their time, talents, and skills, which are then auctioned off to the highest bidder. Services raise money for the church, and all winning bids go directly to support our mission. We need your **service donations**—examples include:

Home-cooked meals, cookies, or smoked meats

Babysitting or pet-sitting

Handyman or yard work

Sports tickets or cabin/vacation property usage

Music lessons or art tutoring

What is a Magnificent Minnehaha Meet-Up (Social Gathering)?

A **Magnificent Minnehaha Meet-Up** is a casual gathering of 5-25 people where attendees connect and have fun. We need **hosts** to plan and host these events, which will also raise funds for the church. Examples include:

Hosted or potluck dinner parties

Game nights, movie nights, or BBQs

Outdoor activities like hikes, bike tours, or ice fishing trips

Crafting or cooking workshops

Meet-up hosts will plan the event, set attendance limits, and cover the cost. Registration fees for each meet-up will go directly to the church.

Your participation, whether bidding on services or hosting a gathering, helps support our church community. **Please mark your calendars**, and we look forward to seeing you on April 19th!

For questions or to donate a service or host a meet-up, contact Jed Retherford at 612-419-1255 or Jeff Sandager at 651-402-8468. Thank you for your support!





Taizé Service With all that is going on around us, it is important to slow down and make sure we are feeding our souls and listening for God periodically. Take an opportunity for renewal through prayer, song, and silence at our monthly Taizé services. Join us on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. or any second Friday of the month. In addition, we livestream our services, so you can catch Taizé from your home (or wherever you are) in real time, or anytime you want.

Caring Visits Are you interested in visiting some of our homebound members? We are looking for a dozen or so people who would be willing to “adopt” one of our members who cannot make it out to worship services and visit with them once a month. If you are interested or want more information, talk to Annette Meier or Becky Sechrist.

Young Adult Gathering The Young Adults (roughly aged 19-35) will be gathering on the third Sunday of each month for brunch at Berry Sweet Kitchen at 10:45. Join in on April 19.



Newcomer Classes We'll be holding an introduction and orientation class for anyone new to Minnehaha or interested in joining on Wednesday, April 15. Please join us during the Wednesday night dinner at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (dinner is at 5:30). Your meal is on us, and we'll have a table set aside for the class. Just to give us an idea of numbers, please RSVP to becky@minnehaha.org.

Our next class will be on Sunday, May 3 at 10:45 during the Sunday School time.

Project Healthy Bones

DETAILS & TOPICS:

- April 9: Feed Your Bones
 - 6:30 - 8 pm in Fellowship Hall
- April 12: Develop Strong Bones
 - 10:45 - 11:30 am in the Sanctuary
- April 26: Don't Break a Bone
 - 10:45-11:30 am in the Sanctuary
- April 30: Move Your Bones
 - 6:30- 8 pm in Fellowship Hall

LOCATION:

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 East 50th St
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Bone Health is an important topic for men and women of all ages !
This series of classes will give attendees new or confirmed knowledge on how bones grow, how what we eat can help or harm bone cells, and how bones respond to the purposeful stress of exercise.
Each of the four sessions is a separate topic, people are welcome to attend one or all four. There is no cost. People who attend 2 or more sessions will be entered into a drawing for a 60 minute individualized assessment of strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance.

Instructor - Sharon Kimble is a physical therapist who specializes in caring for older adults. She has an interest in community health and fall prevention. She is a faculty member in the University of Minnesota Division of Physical Therapy and a clinician in a large local healthcare provider