

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Chris Peters

Prelude

John Ross, organ

Call to Worship

Deacon Michael Gregg

One: God invites you to this time of worship.

All: Where we hear stories that show us the promise of the kingdom of God.

One: God invites you to just be.

All: Where the words of prophets and parables may become part of us.

One: God invites you to be changed.

All: Where our coming and going reflects God's love.

**Hymn #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of peace and justice, you invite us to faith. With faith, you call us to serve in love. We have been foolish in our ways. Our praise has been muted by self-interest. Our faith has been placed in humans rather than in Christ. Our service has been limited in vision. Lord, forgive us. Show us the way of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, give us the strength, courage, and perseverance to walk the path of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Response of Praise

#581 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Time for the Children

Rev. Chris Peters

Prayer for Illumination

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Scripture

Prophets Amos 5:18-24

Gospels Matthew 25:1-13

After each reading - -

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Meditation

Rev. Chris Peters

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.17)

God has created human beings for a personal relation with (God) that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

****Hymn #205 Live in Charity (4x through)***

Prayers of the People

Deacon Michael Gregg

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

John Ross, organ