

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday

**Prelude**

John Ross, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Call to Worship**

Deacon Susie Hughes

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Let us announce the good news!

***Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!***

***\*Hymn #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

O Lord God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism – the sorrow of the cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of the resurrection, so that we might be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***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.***

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Special Music**     ***"Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's Messiah***  
***arr. Hal Hopson***  
***Homestead Presbytery Virtual Choir***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Gospel     John 20:1-18**

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

**Sermon** "Announced"

Rev. Chris Peters

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

**\*Hymn #238      *Thine is the Glory***

**Affirmation of Faith**

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Special Music    *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
*arr. Larry Sue*  
*Westminster Handbell Quartet***

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Susie Hughes

**Communion**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.***

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

John Ross, organ