

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 9, 2021 (Virtual)
Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Stewardship Outside of Stewardship Season: Community”

Prelude

John Ross, organ

Welcome

Rev. Chris Peters

Minute Message: Deacons

Deacon Marybell Avery

Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-4)

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

Sing to the lord, sing praises to God, tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and God’s strength; seek God’s presence continually.

Hymn 343 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you invite us into relationship, but we often turn away from that welcome. You call us to be in communities of peace with others, but we focus on our own self-interest and create division. Help us to be people who build communities of faith where families are reconciled, where the world’s divisions are healed, and human dignity is restored to all. We dream of spaces where all people will love mercy, seek justice, and walk humbly with you each day. God-with-us, forgive us and restore us so we may be builders of communities of care and of wholeness. Amen.

Response to the Confession

#447 We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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.

Children’s Chat

Cory, Mircalla, and Revan McCune

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

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Old Testament Jeremiah 29:1-9
Epistle 1 Peter 2:9-17

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

Sermon “Good Stewards of Community”

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Hymn #761 *Called as Partners

Prayers of the People

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

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**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

John Ross, organ

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Joyce Douglas.