Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

August 1, 2021

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Chris Peters

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Call to Worship (Ephesians 4:2, 4-6)

Come, let us worship our God,

for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Parent of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another in love.

Hymn #317: In Christ There is No East or West

Call to Confession Rev. Chris Peters

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We have whispered words that hurt others behind their backs. We have ranted on social media rather than having conversations. We have competed with others when we should be celebrating with them. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into the one who is the head of the Church, Jesus Christ. Help us love. Help us listen. Help us empathize. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Response of Praise

Hymn #649 (Amazing Grace; 2 verses)

Children's Chat Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistles Ephesians 4:1-16

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Knit Together"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of Belhar: 2)

Rev. Chris Peters

Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. (We believe) that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. (We believe) that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

The Lord's Supper

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

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Postlude