

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 29, 2021

## Prelude

Reflection on "Give Me a Clean Heart"  
John Ross, organist

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

## Call to Worship (Psalm 15:1-2)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Who may abide in the presence of God?*

***Who may live on God's holy mountain?***

*All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.*

***All those who speak truth from their heart.***

## Special Music: *Take My Life*

## Call to Confession

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

## Time of Silent Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

## Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

## Children's Chat

Trish Souliere

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Children's Chat or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

**Epistle** Mark 7:1-23

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

## Sermon "Dirty Hands, Clean Hearts"

Rev. Chris Peters

## Special Music

"I Have Chosen the Way of Truth" by Craig Courtney  
Jeremy Duck, soloist

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***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.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

"Toccata Brevis" by Carla Ferrari  
John Ross, organist

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The flowers this Sunday are given by Ken and Kathryn Govaerts in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our Infant Room is available. This is located off the narthex through the West/Sheridan-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the narthex, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

There is a blue metal box near the Sheridan Street doors where your offering can be placed.

Please dispose of your bulletin in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.

**Gluten-free wafers** will be available upon request for communion on Sept. 5.

**Televised Worship**

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

**Week Beginning August 29**

<p><b><u>Sun. (29)</u></b>            9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            10:40 AM Christian Life Class            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (30)</u></b>            7 PM Recovery Group, Parlor</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (31)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            5 PM Ladies' Night Out</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (1)</u></b>            10 AM Circle 3, Lounge            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library            7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Fri. (3)</u></b>            5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (4)</u></b>            3 PM Schrodts/Hochstein            Wedding</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (5)</u></b>            9:30 AM Sanctuary            Worship/Communion            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (6) Labor Day</u></b>            Building closed for Holiday.</p>
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Week 34 Giving	\$1,305
YTD Giving	\$403,546
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,250
YTD Budget	\$382,500

**Faith Village | Nursery**

Elementary age children will be dismissed to Faith Village following Children's Chat. The nursery will also be operational. Faith Village is on the lower floor by the east entrance. The nursery is located across from the reception desk by the east entrance.

Our next **Lunch Bunch** will be Tues., Sept. 7 at 11:30 am at Parkers Smokehouse, 8341 O Street.



*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . ."*

**The week of August 29, 2021**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ, to call,  
nurture, and empower disciples.*

### **Faith Village**

We invite children in grades 1-5 to join us this week as we continue to tell the story of Jacob and Esau. This week we will be talking about forgiveness, doing magic tricks, and performing improv.

### **Food Drive | Sept. 12**

As we work our way through the story of Joseph and discuss famines, Faith Village will be spearheading a food drive beginning Sept. 12 to support our food pantry. Watch for details to come!

### **Kick-Off Sunday | Welcome Home to Westminster | Sept. 12**

Save the date and plan on coming to church on Sept. 12 when we kick-off our fall programming. We will be doing crafts, playing games, and enjoying an amazing menu provided by Pepe's. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with games – there is a link on the eVine to sign up.

### **Middle School Youth Sermon Set-up | Beginning Sept. 19**

We invite middle school youth to take part in a sermon set-up discussion on Sunday mornings, beginning Sept. 19. We will review the lectionary Bible verses and discuss the theme prior to the service. Youth are invited to attend service with their families or together in the balcony.

**Christian Life**  
**Inward, Outward, Together**

August 15  
Inward

August 22  
Outward

August 29  
Together

10:40-11:30am Sundays, Cole Hall  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE

### **Christian Life: Inward, Outward, Together TODAY | 10:40-11:30 am | Cole Hall**

Pastor Chris will lead the last of a three-week series exploring Spiritual Disciplines that Christians practice Inwardly, Outwardly, and Together as God's people (using the distinctions modeled by Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline). All are welcome.

### **Children & Youth Program Volunteers**

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.* ~Mahatma Gandhi

The past year has been a great opportunity for people to pause and consider what has lasting value. One of the most important and meaningful choices you can make is to answer the call to serve. Westminster offers a variety of places to plug in and make good use of a wide range of talents. One place where your talents can make a huge impact is working with the children and youth program. By volunteering to be present for our kids, you are responsible for changing one little corner of the world. And because the effects of impact and change are compounding, God can use that little changed corner of the world to change the rest of the world.

That's just how good God is. But we aren't just looking for natural teachers or Biblical scholars; we are seeking people who have the capacity to care, to love, and to be present. We are looking for volunteers for our children's program on Sun. from 9:30-10:30 AM, for high school youth group on Sun. from 7:00-8:30 PM, and for our children and youth programs on Wed. from 5:30-7:30 PM. We invite you, whether you are a parent, a non-parent, a grandparent, a non-grandparent, or a youth to accept the call to work with us this coming year. To get started, complete the online form found in the eVine or contact Trish Souliere, [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-475-6702.

### **Current Guidelines Update**

Westminster's Session has approved a mask requirement for worship and other activities on campus. Acknowledging that many of you have been wearing masks as a precautionary measure on your own accord, we felt that with (1) the rise in COVID cases locally (2) a faith-based concern for our children and the immune-compromised among us, and (3) several recent "break-through" cases amongst our church family, it was time to affirm this practice once again. LLCHD's reinstating of a mask requirement locally this week reflects our session's embrace of science and local knowledge throughout the pandemic. For the time being, we also encourage resisting physical contact with each other. Our Sanctuary Task Force will continue to assess week-to-week, with authority to relax precautionary measures as needed. Session will continue to vote on any measures that strengthen precautions, as indicated by our vote Monday night. We continue to give thanks for your patience, grace, and dedication as we navigate the ongoing nature of COVID-19 in our world.

With prayers for the well-being and health of our church family,  
Westminster Session and Leadership

### **Online Choir Rehearsals**

Westminster Choir will embark on a new adventure with virtual Zoom rehearsals this fall! Due to the small time lag that exists through the internet, rehearsal format will also be different. Much of our singing will involve leader demonstration while choir members are muted. This is perfect for



beginners or anyone who has been away from singing for a while. All are welcome to sing-a-long with Laura on Wednesday evenings. Email [laura@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:laura@westminsterlincoln.org) for zoom meeting details.

### **Instrumental Soloists**

Do you play a non-wind instrument? We would love for you to share your gifts with the congregation for special music this fall. Contact [laura@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:laura@westminsterlincoln.org) for more information.

### **Westminster Carillon**

We are excited to return to ringing this fall! We love to welcome new members, and prior music reading experience is helpful. Contact [laura@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:laura@westminsterlincoln.org) to express interest.

**Thank  
You**

### **Thanks to Worship Guides**

Many thanks to these dedicated Westminster members who stepped up to serve as Worship Guides assisting the congregation as we returned to sanctuary worship. They truly "guided" us through the past 4 months as federal and local health directives changed and we all adapted. It's a blessing to see a smiling face of the Worship Guide welcoming us back to Westminster's sanctuary. We are grateful for their hospitality and servant leadership.

Rob Baltensperger  
Jim Bishop  
Carol Bishop  
Kelly Braswell-Burbach  
Amy Clare  
Lisa DeBuse  
Chip DeBuse  
Joyce Douglas  
Tim Gergen  
Kent Hemmerling

Jaime Hemmerling  
Karen Hoffman  
Emily Killham  
Brian Lammers  
Ashley Lammers  
Steve Larson  
Sandi Larson  
Cyndy Maddux  
Bob Michaud  
Scott Nelson  
Loy Olson

Julie Olson  
Rob Otte  
Joan Roberts  
Mark Schorr  
Deb Schorr  
Sue Shamblin  
Carol Shelbourn  
Gwen Thorpe  
Diana Wild  
Walker Zulkoski