

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



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Prelude

John Ross

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-3)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.

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

Seek the Lord and holy strength.

(Let us) seek God's presence continually.

Special Music: *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Call to Confession

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of life, we imagine we are capable judges of wisdom, power, and goodness. Still, we despair when things don't go the way we expect. We blame you for the evil in the world rather than seeking forgiveness for our own part in division, violence, bullying, and name-calling. Forgive and re-direct our lives. Help us to see your drawing near in difficult times through the community of faith. Help us to participate in the acts of care and love you call us to in all times. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Passing of the Peace

Please greet those around you with a wave, peace sign, or by making eye contact, repeating the response below.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Hebrew Scriptures Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

Gospel Lesson Romans 8:26-30

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

Sermon "Half Truths: Everything Happens for a Reason"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

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

Instrumental Response

Prayers of the People

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

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

John Ross