

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



Live Streamed on October 10, 2021

Prelude

"Praeludium in F" by Buxtehude
John Ross, organist

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Stewardship Moment

Allen Wachter

Call to Worship (Psalm 19:1-4)

Deacon Carolyn Harp

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's
handiwork.*

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

*There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of
the world.*

Special Music

"Be Thou My Vision"
Jeremy Duck, soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt., Public Domain

Call to Confession

Deacon Carolyn Harp

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we praise you with our lips while remembering the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn of your healing sound of your grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would share the good news of your peace, but we misrepresent what you have said to us through Christ. Forgive us, O Lord. You were there in the beginning, sharing life. Let us accept such life today, and send us to serve others with acts of love. In the name of Jesus, 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 this response:

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

First Lesson Genesis 1:1-2:3 pg. 1

Second Lesson Genesis 2:4b-22 pg. 2

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

Sermon "Half Truths: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Special Music

"O Lord of Every Shining Constellation"

Jeremy Duck, soloist

O Lord of every shining constellation
That wheels in splendor through the midnight sky,
Grant us Your Spirit's true illumination
To read the secrets of Your work on high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces,
Your laws its mighty energies fulfill;
Teach us, to whom You give such rich resources,
In all we use, to serve Your holy will.

You, Lord, have stamped Your image on Your creatures,
And though they mar that image, love them still;
Lift up our eyes to Christ, that in His features
We may discern the beauty of Your will.

Affirmation of Faith (Declaration of Barmen)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Instrumental Response

Prayers of the People

Deacon Carolyn Harp

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

"Fuga in G" by Buxtehude
John Ross, organist

Flowers are given by Ron and Valery Wachter in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Chris is off today and will be back in the office on Tuesday, October 12. Pastor Jimmy will be off Sunday, October 17 – Saturday, October 23 and will return to worship on October 24.