

# 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

**Stewardship Moment**

Steve Hughes

**Call to Worship (Psalm 100:1-3, 5)**

Deacon Robyn Uebele

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*

***Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.***

*Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.*

***We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.***

*For the Lord is good;*

***God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.***

***Special Music: Help Us Accept Each Other***

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

## Call to Confession

Deacon Robyn Uebele

## Time of Silent Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, in the words of Jesus, you teach us to treat others as we would hope to be treated. Still, our lips say words that belittle and bully those we label as “not like” us. Our minds think thoughts that judge and create distance between people. Our actions show we are more concerned with opinions than your unifying truth. Lord, forgive and reshape our hearts and lives. Help us to see and value your image in all people, including your image within our own selves. You formed us and love us, so help us to love others. 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

Rev. Chris Peters

(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

Matthew 23:23-28

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Second Lesson

Matthew 7:12

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

**Sermon** “Half Truths: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

Rev. Chris Peters

### Special Music

### Affirmation of Faith

Deacon Robyn Uebele

***We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God***

***delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Instrumental Response**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Chris Peters

**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

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Pastor Jimmy is off this week and will return to worship next Sunday, Oct. 24.