

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



Live Streamed on October 24, 2021  
Stewardship Season: Giving with Gratitude

## Prelude

"Praeludium in F" by Sweelinck  
John Ross, organist

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

## Stewardship Moment: Children/Youth

Sarah Baltensperger

## Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-8)

Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn

*One: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

*One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.*

**All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

*One: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.*

**All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.**

## Special Music: As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
So we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,  
To make our life an offering that all may truly live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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## Call to Confession

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

## Time of Silent Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you invite us into relationship and entrust us with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Still, when invited to share, we often assume we are not equipped for the task. When called to serve, we make the life of faith a low priority. When asked to give, we cling to our resources. Lord, reshape our hearts and minds so that we may have attitudes of generosity. Extend our hands so that we may be hospitable while serving each other and our neighbors. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

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

## Recognition of New Members

### 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                      Proverbs 3:5-9                      O.T. pg. 586

Second Lesson                    1 Peter 4:8-11                      N.T. pg. 235

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

**Sermon** "If You Give, You Begin to Live"

Rev. Chris Peters

### ***Special Music: Lord of All Good***

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways;  
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;  
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,  
till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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### Affirmation of Faith

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 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**

"Echo Fantasia" by Sweelinck  
John Ross, organist