

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



Live Streamed on October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” by William Bolcom
John Ross, organist

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

Junior League Diaper Drive

Mattie McIntosh

Call to Worship (Psalm 23:1-4:6, CEB)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

God lets me rest in grassy meadows; (and) leads me to restful waters. The Lord keeps me alive.

God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God’s good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.

Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

And I will live in the Lord’s house as long as I live.”

Special Music: To Christ Our Hearts Now Given (Lohmen Hymn)

To Christ our hearts now given, we join in joyful praise,
And pray, in all our living, to grow in loving ways.
The freeing grace that found us, God’s healing, winning call,
In freedom now has bound us to love, and give our all.

From many tribes and places, with thankful songs we come
To blend our gifts and graces, and pray and work as one.
We vow, whate’er betide us, in love and truth to stay,
For Christ moves on beside us, and guides us on our way.

Wherever we may venture to witness, heal and care,
The Spirit of our Savior has long been lodging there.
Then let us give with gladness, not claiming to deserve
The wisdom, strength and kindness of those we kneel to serve.

The freeing grace that found us, the love that makes us one,
Is ranging far beyond us, and bids us travel on
To share God’s great salvation, defend our neighbor’s worth,
Dismantle domination, and heal our aching earth.

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Call to Confession

Deacon Joan Roberts

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Transform us at Christ's table, instruct us by your words, and send us to be bearers of your grace and peace. In the name of Christ, our Savior, 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

Hebrew Scriptures Psalm 23

Gospel Lesson Romans 8:35-39

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

Sermon "Half Truths: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

Jeremy Duck

"Light of the World" by John Hatton

Text by J.E. Carpenter

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While I on earth abide, Light of the world!
Be Thou my only guide, Light of the world!
Danger alone I see, No hand outstretched to me,
Save when I turn to Thee, Light of the world!
Light of the world!

I have been lured away, Light of the world!
Far from Thy path to stray, Light of the world!
Like a bark tempest tossed, Rudder and compass lost,
Till Thy beam o'er me crossed, Light of the world!
Light of the world!

There is an angel band, Light of the world!
They by Thy throne now stand, Light of the world!
They sing the song of praise, Join in the heavenly lays,
There I my voice would raise, Light of the world!
Light of the world!

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Deacon Joan Roberts

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.

Instrumental Response

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing" by Aaron David Miller
John Ross, organist