

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



April 10, 2022  
Palm Sunday

## Prelude

"Fanfare" by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## Call to Worship

Deacon Marybell Avery

*One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.*

***All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.***

*One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for Christ is the life we long for, Christ is the living Word who sustains us.*

***All: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we show our love in the form of cloaks laid down before him, to cushion his walk.***

*One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, Christ arrives: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.*

***All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.***

## Hymn #196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

## Call to Confession

## Time of Silent Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. As we receive that love this Holy Week, we name and confess our modern self-righteous ways. We speak of blessings to our neighbors while ignoring needs caused by poverty and injustice. We shout "hosanna," yet refuse to share our coats as signs of welcome and warmth. Lord, forgive us and correct our ways. Shape us into followers of Jesus who are more self-less, more giving, and more loving. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.***

## Response to the Confession "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

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

## **Passing of the Peace**

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion that is mutually comfortable (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## **Children's Chat**

Trish Souliere

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

N.T. pg. 83

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

## **Sermon**

"God Moves...in the Journey of Jesus"

Rev. Chris Peters

## **Hymn #199**

***Filled with Excitement***

## **Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with God's people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.***

## **Moment of Gratitude**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Special Music**

"Ride On, King Jesus!" arr. William Cutter  
Jeremy Duck, soloist

## **Prayers of the People**

Deacon Marybell Avery

## **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.***

**Hymn #198**

***Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!***

**Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

"Jesus, Still Lead On" by Paul Manz

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Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our Infant Room is available. This is located off the entry foyer through the Sheridan Blvd./West-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the foyer, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

There is a large basket near the Sheridan Street doors where your offering can be placed following the service.

If you don't want to take your bulletin with you, please dispose of it in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.

There are **extra post cards** at the east entrance with the Holy Week worship schedule. Please take one and give it to a friend or neighbor to invite them to worship with us.

**Ministers:** The whole congregation

**Pastors:** Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Liturgist:** Deacon Marybell Avery

**Music Directors:** John Ross & Ronnie Zanella

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Televised Worship**

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . ."*

**The week of April 10, 2022**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ,  
to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

### **Holy Week Devotionals, Monday – Friday**

10 AM (Chapel) – Led by various members

### **Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion – April 14**

7 PM (Sanctuary) – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

### **Good Friday Worship – April 15**

7 PM (Sanctuary) – Partnering in leadership with Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

### **Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 17**

8 AM (Sanctuary) – Easter Worship

9:15-9:45 AM (Garden Room) – Coffee and Conversation

10 AM (Sanctuary) – Easter Worship

**Please note:** We will not have Sermon Setup, Faith Village, or Youth Group on Easter Sunday. Nursery care will be available for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

### **Eco-Palms**

In celebration of Palm Sunday, Westminster has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms. Eco-Palms are harvested in a sustainable manner from local community farmers such as Anna Sentana, who lives in Carmelita, Guatemala. As we raise our branches today, we play an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities. Westminster is a certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation, one more reason for us to celebrate Palm Sunday in a sustainable and responsible manner.

### **Liturgist? A word that can seem lit-erally confusing!**

Liturgy - it's one of those church words that can be confusing and seem "insider-y." So, what does it mean? The word "liturgy" translates loosely from its Greek origins as "the work of the people." In worship, we often refer to the different written-out parts as "liturgy." Our use of this word can be an important reminder that worship is a living and vibrant act of our church and community, not simply a task of our pastors. For several years our Deacons have shared in writing prayers and other parts of worship, and now that opportunity is being expanded to our Elders and others who are interested in this area of leadership. Pastor Chris will stay in the sanctuary following worship today to answer your questions and share more about liturgist opportunities at Westminster.

### **Repurpose Your Pill Bottles**

What if you went to the pharmacy to get a prescription filled and they dumped the pills into your open hand? Not sanitary and not safe. This is what often happens in many underdeveloped nations. You can make a difference. The big pill collection container has returned for you to again drop off your empty, labels off, glue removed and cleaned pill bottles to the church office area. We will collect for the next few months and send these precious containers to underdeveloped nations for safe dispensary of medication to their citizens. So don't toss your empty pill bottles in the recycling bin at home, take the labels off including the glue and bring them to the church for us to repurpose.

### **Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt | Wed., April 13**

Get your Easter baskets ready, Eggstravaganza is coming! On Wed., April 13 we will be tracking down treat-filled Easter eggs! Intrepid explorers will be divided by age and sent out to clear eggs from their section of the church. After the hunt, we will enjoy a fabulous pancake dinner before heading back to Faith Village for a story and more. The fun begins at 5:30 PM and ends at 7:30 PM.

### **World on a Plate | Venezuela | April 22**



FOOD!!! FELLOWSHIP!!! FUN!!!

On Friday, April 22, join us as we pay tribute to Venezuela and their culinary delights. Start searching for recipes and learn how to pronounce the dish you bring.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM. As always, there will be a free-will breadbasket offering. Donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Bring your own table service.

### **Lorax Party | April 24**

As a part of our celebration of creation, the Children and Youth Committee and the Green at Heart Committee are hosting an intergenerational Lorax Party immediately following worship. Our theme will be celebrating trees and exploring all the wonderful gifts they give to us. We will enjoy brunch, decorate cookies, learn what comes from a tree, and more. Plan to take some time on April 24 to appreciate this beautiful world God created.

### **Chopped: The Feeding of the Five Judges**

The first Westminster Lincoln Chopped event took place last Sunday night. Thirteen youth prepared a dessert and an entree for five volunteer judges. For those of you who were not at The Feeding of the Five Judges, you can either get a glimpse of the excitement here <https://youtu.be/YlqYCejn7-c> or, if you have a little more time, watch the 20 minute video here <https://youtu.be/IfiRQ-iJT3k>. Many thanks to both the judges and contestants!

### **The Nooks and Crannies of Westminster | April 27**

Have you ever wandered through Westminster and were fearful you wouldn't find your way back to the Garden Room? Do you have a favorite hiding space, maybe a spot you found while attending a lock-in? Join us April 27 at 6 PM for dinner in Cole Hall followed by a tour of the Nooks and Crannies of Westminster. Fun for all ages!

**Week Beginning April 10**

<p><b><u>Sun. (10) Palm Sunday</u></b>            9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up            9:30 AM Palm Sunday                Procession/Sanctuary            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            7 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (11)</u></b>            10 AM Holy Week                Devotionals, Chapel            11 AM Explorers Study Group,                Parlor            5 PM Church Life, Library            5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music,                Lounge            6 PM Mission &amp; Outreach</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (12)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            10 AM Holy Week                Devotionals, Chapel            10:45 AM Circle 5, Lounge            6 PM A&amp;P, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (13)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning            10 AM Holy Week                Devotionals, Chapel            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            4:30 PM Search Committee</p>	<p>5 PM Bell Rehearsal            5:30 PM Eggstravaganza/                Whatchamacallit—Cole Hall            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            7 PM Bible Study—Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (14) Maundy Thursday</u></b>            10 AM Holy Week Devotionals,                Chapel            7 PM Scouts, Pack Committee            7 PM Maundy Thursday                Worship with Communion</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (15) Good Friday</u></b>            10 AM Holy Week Devotionals,                Chapel            7 PM Good Friday Worship                Service with Southern Heights</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (16)</u></b>            9:30 AM Worship &amp; Music                Decorate Sanctuary for Easter</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (17) Easter Sunday</u></b>            8 AM Sanctuary Worship/                Nursery Available            9:15 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation            10 AM Sanctuary Worship/                Nursery Available            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 14 Giving	\$16,973
YTD Giving	\$204,912
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$153,589