

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**

"Trumpet Tune" by Andrew Carter

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 148, Adapted from Common English Bible Translation)**

Marijane England

One: Praise the Lord from heaven! Praise God on the heights!

**All: Praise God, all of you, who are God's messengers!**

One: Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!

**All: Do the same, you mountains, every single hill; fruit trees, and every single cedar!**

One: Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person – you princes and every single ruler on earth!

**All: Do the same, you young men – young women too! – you who are old together with you who are young. Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn #31**

*Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. We seek to be known by love, yet Christians have often been identified by their judgment. We find hope in your promise to make all things new, yet we cling to past ways of brokenness and self-interest. We give thanks for your grace that welcomes us once again. By your Spirit, guide our lives so that we might love one another and work for new life for all creation. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

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

**\*Response of Praise**

**#581 Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

**\*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                      John 13:31-35

N.T. pg. 108

New Testament Lesson      Revelation 21:1-6

N.T. pg. 259

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

**Sermon**

“Love Makes All Things New”

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #236**

***The Strife Is O’er***

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Version 9.21/9.22)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for humankind when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They, therefore, accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music:**

*God Shall Wipe Away All Tears*  
(from The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace)  
by Karl Jenkins, Westminster Choir

**New Members**

**Prayers of the People**

Marijane England

**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 #300**

***We Are One in the Spirit***

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

"Fanfare" by William Matthias

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\*Please rise in body or spirit for these parts of worship.

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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.

**Giving to Westminster's Mission and Ministry**

**At Church:** An offering to support Westminster may be placed in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and the sanctuary elevator exit. Look for the signs that read "Giving Basket."

**Online:** To give online, visit the following web address: <https://westminsterlincoln.org/generosity-and-the-joy-of-giving/>

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

**Ministers:** The whole congregation

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

**Liturgists:** Marijane England

**Interim Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Larry Peach, Steve McConnell, Carolyn Harp,  
Robyn Uebele

**Greeters:** Ron & Valery Wachter

**Coffee Clean-Up:**



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

**The week of May 22, 2022**

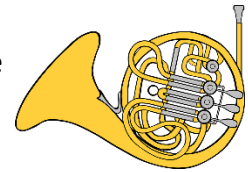
*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ,  
to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

### **Special Guest**

This spring's Creation Celebration wraps up with a special guest at today's Adult Ed class. Bring your coffee and donut hole to the Lounge following worship to hear Mark Brohman, formerly CEO of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and now CEO of the Wachiska Audubon Society. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about stewarding and enjoying Nebraska's natural resources from a personable and knowledgeable expert.

### **Nebraska Brass Concert**

Join the Nebraska Brass for their final performance of the season at Westminster, today at 3 pm. The concert will feature works such as John Fucik's Entrance of the Gladiators, Percy Grainger's Shepherd's Hey, Gioachino Rossini's William Tell Overture, and more. Featuring Dean Haist and Brad Obbink on trumpet, Ric Ricker on horn, Mark Mendell on trombone, and Bo Atlas on tuba.



Tickets will be available at the door.

Adults - \$18; Seniors (65+) - \$15; Students and Children – Free

### **HEAR! HEAR! (In the Sanctuary)**

There is a new and convenient way for anyone to enhance their listening experience in the Westminster sanctuary. You can now use your smartphone to connect directly to the Church's audio system. If you are interested in using the new system or just want more information, please stop by the *Listen Everywhere* table in the Garden Room on Sunday, May 22. Bring your smartphone and the pair of earphones that came with it. We will help you get connected.

Or, if you prefer to do it yourself, there will be a flyer at the front desk which explains the process. Please note: you can still use the hand-held devices that have always been provided by the church if you prefer.

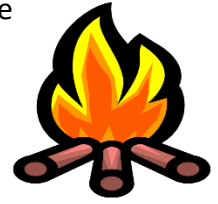
### **Sunday Youth Group**

The Youth Group will celebrate the end of the year with a picnic at Pioneers Park this evening. We will meet from 5 – 7 pm in the park for a meal and games.

### **Calvin Crest Summer Camp**

Have you registered for summer camp yet? Participate in awesome worship and Bible study, play lots of games, and have fun, while singing and enjoying food and friends in a beautiful natural setting.

Calvin Crest will introduce you to amazing outdoor adventures, where you can build your skills and develop your faith. For more information or to register for camp, check the Calvin Crest website <https://calvincrest.org>.



### **VBS 2022: To Mars and Beyond**

Join us on an exciting trip through outer space June 6-9 as we explore how to serve God and discover God's mission for our lives. Registration is \$15 per child/maximum \$45. Register your child or sign up to volunteer. The link is in the eVine.

### **Sermon Setup**

Join us at the sermon set-up discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, a session designed to deepen the worship experience. We enjoy donuts as we discuss the theme of the upcoming sermon and identify how it applies to our lives today. Youth are invited to attend service with their families or together in the balcony. **Please note:** May 29 will be the last sermon setup until August.

### **Youth Group Mission Trip | July 29 – August 1**

If you are interested in going on the mission trip, please register by May 28 here: <https://forms.gle/VBB4V5eHmpCzrwrs6>

### **Summer Sundays**

Beginning June 6, Faith Village will be on hiatus to allow families time to worship together. We look forward to welcoming the children back to Faith Village on August 14, *Blessing of the Backpacks* Sunday. Children six and under are always welcome in the nursery.

### **Prayers of Comfort**

Prayers of comfort for the family of Foster Woodruff, who passed away May 11. Services will be held on Sat., May 28.

### **Sunday School Stories Grown Up**

This summer Westminster will spend time in worship exploring Old Testament / Hebrew Bible children's Bible stories with special attention to the details that might be left out or forgotten, the setting or context of the story, and language points that can get muddled in translation. From there we'll see how these stories point us toward deeper faith and acts of love and justice.

### **Preschool Transitions**

With much gratitude for her four years as Preschool Director, this week we recognize the great leadership of Rachel Hinze as she moves to a new position at her home church. As Director, Rachel touched countless lives at a time of crucial development, led us to re-accreditation this Spring at the top level of the Step Up to Quality accreditation, brought a friendly and caring presence to our preschool and church each day, showed great responsibility with the preschool budget, and navigated

the school through the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic. Before becoming Director, Rachel taught for over a decade at Westminster.

WPC Personnel and the Preschool Advisory Committee joyfully announce the hiring of Sarah Dankenbring as our new Director. "Miss Sarah" has taught in our preschool since 2019 and knows the unique qualities of our program and culture, which she desires to maintain and build upon. She has prior experience as a Preschool Director and is currently a Step Up to Quality coach, advising preschools around the area. Our Hiring Team was impressed with Sarah's vision for the future of the preschool and enjoyed her approachable personality. As we share blessings for Rachel's next journey, we give thanks for the joyful transition taking place now at our preschool.

**Week Beginning May 22**

<p><b><u>Sun. (22)</u></b>            9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up            9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/                Welcome New Members            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            10:30 AM Adult Ed, Lounge            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            3 PM Nebraska Brass Concert            5 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (23)</u></b>            11 AM Explorers Study Group,                Lounge            6 PM Session, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (24)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            5:30 PM Deacons</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (25)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            7 PM Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (26)</u></b>            1 PM Library Summer Reading                Party, WPC East Parking Lot</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (28)</u></b>            11 AM Foster Woodruff                Funeral at Ropers Funeral                Home</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (29)</u></b>            9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up            9:30 AM Sanctuary                Worship/Graduates            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (30) Memorial Day</u></b>            Church Closed for Holiday</p>
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Week 20 Giving	\$8,445
YTD Giving	\$272,727
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$219,409

**Televised Worship**

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.  
 Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.