

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**

“Cantabile” by César Franck

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 67, NRSV)**

Sarah Baltensperger

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us.

**All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

**All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

**\*Hymn #475**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. We have heard your promise of a guide, the Holy Spirit, yet we have wandered aimlessly at times. You have left peace with your followers, yet our words have harbored violence. You have filled us with the water of life, yet we have asked for more while our neighbors thirst. Forgive us, O Lord, for the ways in which we have been self-serving rather than service-hearted. In the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 14:23-29

N.T. pg. 109

New Testament

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

N.T. pg. 259

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

**Sermon**

“The Healing of the Nations”

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #346**

***For the Healing of the Nations***

**\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

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.***

**Celebration of Westminster Seniors**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music:**

“No More Night” by Walt Harrah/arr. Camp Kirkland  
Westminster Choir

**Prayers of the People**

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.***

**\*Hymn #375**

***Shall We Gather at the River***

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

## **Postlude**

“Elegy” by C.H. Lloyd

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

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**Flowers** are given in memory of **Rev. Lynn Davis** by his family, and a second bouquet is given in memory of **Bob Hayes** and in honor of all veterans who have served, by Helen Hayes and Janet McCall.

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:** Sarah Baltensperger

**Interim Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Carol Boehler, Kim Kubick, Carol Shelbourn

**Greeters:** Gary & Glenna Haller

**Coffee Clean-Up:**



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

**The week of May 29, 2022**

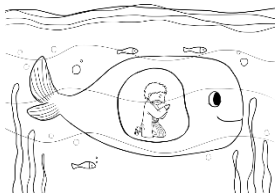
*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ,  
to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

### **VBS 2022: To Mars and Beyond | June 6-9**

Two weeks remain until VBS. Join us 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 here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>.

### **Sunday School Stories Grown Up – Children's Chat Update**

This Summer we will explore what we often think of as Children's Bible Stories in worship. After some staff planning, we have decided to share the story each week from the Spark Children's Story Bible as well as from the "grown-up" NRSV. This means we will have Children's Chats with a message, along with a kid-focused bulletin each week. At Westminster we value children becoming familiar with the patterns of worship and making our services as accessible to all ages as we can!



### **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.

### **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, there will be a flyer at the front desk which explains the process. You need your smartphone and the pair of earphones that came with it. Steve Larson (402-613-6644) has agreed to talk with anyone who needs assistance with the steps on the flyer.

**Please note:** You can still use the hand-held devices that have always been provided by the church if you prefer.

## Summer Sundays

Beginning June 6, Faith Village and Sermon Setup 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.

## June Prairie Readers



Wednesday, June 15, 1 pm, Lounge  
Book: *The Perfume Thief* by Tim Shaffert  
Discussion leader Martha Van Sickle

## 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.



## 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>.



**Congratulations to Thomas Bryson**, recent confirmand of WPC, who won the Class A golf championship this week.

**The church building will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.**

**Week Beginning May 29**

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| <p><b><u>Sun. (29)</u></b><br/>           9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up<br/>           9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/<br/>               Graduates<br/>           9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery<br/>           12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (30) Memorial Day</u></b><br/>           Church Closed for Holiday</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (31)</u></b><br/>           9:15 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (June 1)</u></b><br/>           Preschool Summer Session<br/>               Begins<br/>           1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands<br/>           6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>           6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands</p> | <p><b><u>Fri. (3)</u></b><br/>           5 PM Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (4)</u></b><br/>           4 PM Baillie/Allen Wedding</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (5)</u></b><br/>           9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/<br/>               Communion/Pentecost<br/>           9:40 AM Nursery<br/>           12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> |
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| Week 21 Giving | \$5,099   |
| YTD Giving     | \$277,826 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$10,970  |
| YTD Budget     | \$230,379 |

**Televised Worship**

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

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