# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

#### June 12, 2022 Trinity Sunday

Prelude "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" by Mary Beth Bennett

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 8, Common English Bible) Deacon April Kaul

One: Lord, our Lord, how beautiful is your name throughout the earth!

## All: God, when I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made; I am struck with wonder...

One: Lord, what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

#### All: You made human beings only slightly less than divine; crowning them with glory and handiwork.

One: You've let them rule over your handiwork – all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

All: Lord, our Lord, how beautiful is your name throughout the earth!

\*Hymn #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

\*Call to Confession

\*Time of Silent Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We hear the story of your creation, yet we



"The Common English Bible (CEB), completed in 2011, is a fresh translation of the Bible. The translation is sponsored by... an alliance of denominational publishers, including Presbyterian (USA), Episcopalian, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ representatives." (Preface to the CEB Student Edition, 2015)

During our summer worship series, you will see the first and last parts of this Confession repeated weekly. The section naming our sin will be written to reflect themes found in the scripture of the day. All of our words in worship, hymns, and sermon themes at Westminster start with scripture! pollute and litter the earth. We hear the story of you creating humankind in your image, yet we shame and bully others. We hear the story of the first sin, yet we act self-righteous because of our faith. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. With hope in Christ, we pray. Amen.

Response to the Confession O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

\*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

Hebrew Scriptures	Genesis 3:1-13	O.T. pg. 2
Gospel Lesson	John 1:1-5	N.T. pg. 91
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The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

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Sermon "Sunday School Stories Grown Up 1: Creation" Rev. Chris Peters

## \*Hymn #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Q.16-17)

Question 16. Did God need to make the world? No. God would still be God even if heaven and earth had never been made.

Question 17. Why then did God create the world? God's creation of the world was an act of grace. God granted existence to the world simply in order to bless it. God created the world to reveal God's glory, to share the love and freedom at the heart of God's being, and to give us eternal life in fellowship with God.

#### **Moment of Gratitude**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

**Special Music** 

**Prayers of the People** 

Deacon April Kaul

#### 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.

\*Lohmen Hymn To Christ Our Hearts Now Given

Did you know? Members of WPC are traveling to Lohmen in October 2022. For more information, join today's gathering at the Pappas home! Details are in "The Vine" insert.

The Confirmation version of the Study Catechism was approved for usage by the 210th General Assembly of the PCUSA (1998). How old were you in 1998?

## \*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy" by Piet Post

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

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-ofgiving/

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: Deacon April Kaul Interim Music Director: Ronnie Zanella **Organist:** John Ross **Director of Children** & Youth: Trish Souliere **Ushers:** Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood, Barb Wright-Chollet, Joan Roberts Greeters: Jim Bishop, Josh Whitfield **Coffee Clean-Up:** 



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

## The week of June 12, 2022

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

## Adult Ed: "Scripture and Sermon Discussion"

Starting today, we will have a casual 20-minute *Scripture and Sermon* discussion with the preaching pastor as we walk through "Sunday School Stories Grown Up" this summer. We'll meet in the Lounge at 11 am.

## 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!



## **Summer Sundays**

Faith Village and Sermon Setup are 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.

## **Family Movie Night**

June 26, 9 PM - 11 PM

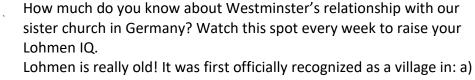
Be sure to save June 26 for family movie night. We will be showing the movie Encanto at 9 PM in the Westminster parking lot with popcorn, lemonade, and water for refreshments. All we need to make the event complete is you, your family, and your favorite lawn chairs.

## June Prairie Readers

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



## Lohmen Lore



the early 1400's, b) 1292, c) 1554. (Answer next week.) Last week's answer: The picturesque village of Lohmen is located in the German state of Saxony, which is actually in former <u>East</u> Germany.

Kaffee Und Apfelkuchen (coffee and German apple cake) at the Pappas home (4150 South St.) today at 3 pm. Come and find out about a visit to our sister church in Lohmen, Germany this October. Refer to the June Messenger for more information.

### **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.

#### YOUR SESSION IN ACTION April 2022

## • Received two new members: Stephanie Laux and Shirley Robb

- Year-to-date pledges are ahead of plan. Expenses are below plan, but some of that is seasonal. Financially, we are stable.
- Hosted Homestead Presbytery's quarterly meeting on May 19. Several members volunteered to help. Westminster's Presbyterian Women prepared/donated and served breakfast and lunch. The meeting went well.
- Hired a new preschool director, Sarah Dankenbring. Sarah comes to the preschool from within our program and is a coach under the umbrella of our accreditation, "Step Up to Quality."
- Approved a contract for Westminster to host Homestead Presbytery's administrative office beginning in June. This is for one staff person.
- Discussed a two-year anniversary installation celebration for Pastor Chris this fall due to the fact his original installation service was greatly pared down due to COVID. Pastor Chris will invite the speaker he would have had 2 years ago.

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

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## Week Beginning June 12

	<u>Wed. (15)</u>
9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship	
9:30 AM Nursery	
10:40 AM Presbyterian Women	
Birthday Offering Reception,	
Garden Room	
on	
Discussion, Lounge	
12 Noon Sudanese Worship	
3 PM Lohmen Trip Q & A,	
th St.)	7 PM Camera Club, Lounge
	<u>Fri. (17)</u>
<u>Mon. (13)</u> 5 PM Church Life Ministry,	
, 	5:30 PM wedding rehearsal
Library 5:30 PM Worship & Music,	
Lounge	
6 PM Children & Youth via Zoom	
6 PM Mission & Outreach, FH	
	<u>Sun. (19)</u>
Tues. (14)	
9:15 AM Staff Meeting	
10:30 AM Lincoln Library	
Summer Reading Challenge,	
Fellowship Hall	
10:30 AM Finance &	
Stewardship, Lounge	
5 PM Personnel via Zoom	
6 PM A & P via Zoom	
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Updated numbers will be provided next week when Joanne is back in the office.