

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



July 3, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Moses”

Prelude “The God of Abraham Praise” by Richard Proulx

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 103:1, 2-3, 6-7)
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all
God’s benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless God’s holy name.**

One: The Lord works vindication and justice for all
who are oppressed.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless God’s holy name.**

One: God made known God’s ways to Moses, God’s
acts to the people of Israel.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless God’s holy name.**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless God’s holy name.**

***Hymn #73** *When God Delivered Israel*

***Call to Confession** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**



Repeating one line or
verse of a Psalm can
help us better know
and internalize its
words of hope. When
have you felt God has
blessed your soul?

***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 an unjust king, still we place our faith in leaders today, rather than in our Lord. We hear the story of God calling a leader who had doubts, still we worry that we are unequipped to serve when asked. We hear the story of God bringing people out of captivity, yet we use words and policies to hold others captive. 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.

This month's sung responses focus on God's actions toward humankind. "Come and Fill" is a repetitive hymn from the Taize community in France, emphasizing God's act of filling us with peace as we move from confession to action. Our Response of Praise, v.2 of "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy," can call us to love in ways that reflects the love of God that is broader than our own understanding.

Response to the Confession

#466

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia! (x2)*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#435 (verse 2)

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.*

***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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 3:1-15 O.T. pg. 50
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon "Go" Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions

***Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,***

***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Exodus, the second book of the Hebrew scriptures and our Christian Old Testament, continues the story started in Genesis. At the end of Genesis, Joseph (great-grandson of Abraham) dies. Exodus 1 begins with a brief lineage, naming of Joseph's death, and then moves the story forward some years.

The opening section in our communion liturgy is called the "Sursum Corda" (Latin for "Lift your hearts") and dates to at least the 3rd Century! It is made up of three parts - a welcome (first call and response), an invitation to draw our hearts to God (second call and response), and an invitation to thanksgiving/gratitude for God (third call and response). The Great Prayer that follows then begins with our gratitude to God.

James Wheldon Johnson wrote the words to this hymn in 1900 for an assembly celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday at a segregated school in Jacksonville, FL. In Johnson's words, "my brother and I moved away, and the song passed out of our minds... Within 20 years, it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country." (ref. The Poetry Foundation). In 2017, when a white supremacist spoke at the University of Florida, the school's carillon played this hymn in defiant response. (ref. Wikipedia)

The **flowers** today are given to honor all those serving our Country—both past and present—from Joyce Douglas.

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

Special Music:

"Selma 1965: Let My People Go"

Based on African American Spiritual *Go Down Moses*,
arr. by Rollo Dilworth, Westminster Choir

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn #339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"By and By" by John Kember

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

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.



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

The week of July 3, 2022

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

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.

Adult Ed: "Scripture and Sermon Discussion"

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.

Broken Elevator Update

While we are waiting for the elevator to be repaired, you are invited to have a seat in the Garden Room and watch the live-streamed service that is happening in the Sanctuary. You will be able to visit with friends before and after worship in the Garden Room. If you have questions, please contact Tom Welstead, chair of Building and Grounds or Pastor Chris.

Celebration of Life for Charles Kingsbury

Martha Kingsbury is having a Celebration of Life for her husband Charles on Saturday, July 9 at Roberts Park, 58th and Sumner, Lincoln. She and her family hope you can drop by sometime between 6 and 7:30 PM and have ice cream and cookies in his memory. Weather permitting!!

Lunch Bunch

We will meet at Stauffer's Cafe & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th St., on Tuesday, July 5. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or email to jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Lohmen Lore

Presbyterian churches are rare in Germany. Do you know how the Lohmen church is affiliated?



- T F The Lohmen church is Lutheran.
- T F The Lohmen church is Evangelical.
- T F The Lohmen church is affiliated with a five-church parish.
- T F The Lohmen church is Presbyterianish.

Last week's answer: The weekend of October 8 and 9 is a big retirement celebration for Michael and Brigitte Schleinitz, the bike-riding pastors of the Lohmen Church. You may have met this charming couple and their children during their visit to Westminster in 2017.

Moment of Gratitude Sharing Opportunity

We have a lot to be thankful for at Westminster this year, and we will continue to lift up such areas during our Moment of Gratitude in worship. All are welcome to share a moment or area for which they are thankful, or you may submit a moment for Pastor Chris to share on your behalf – in name or anonymously. Requests to share or have Chris share may be emailed to Chris at chris@westminsterlincoln.org. Due to our worship planning patterns, it may be 1-3 weeks before your moment appears in worship.

Carol Joy Holling Ropes Course

The Youth Group will meet at the church on July 9 at 12 Noon to go to Carol Joy Holling. An instructor will lead our group through high and low ropes challenges. We will stop for dinner on the way back to the church. We should be back at the church by 7 PM. \$10 per person, scholarships available. Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/LqQZqRhthf38Y8vR8>.

July Prairie Readers

Wednesday, July 20, 1 pm, Lounge

Book: *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett* by Annie Lyons

Discussion leader Becky Bockrath

World on a Plate

The evening of July 22, *World on a Plate* is going to Greece. Don't go looking for your passports, we are just heading east on South Street to the Pappas Oikos! Mark your calendar, RSVP, and start researching that great Greek cuisine! Dinner begins at 6 PM. Please RSVP to Kathy Rohwedder at kathrohwa@yahoo.com or text (402)202-9889.

Star City Shores Pool Party | August 11, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

The all-church pool party at Star City Shores is coming up in August. Westminster will have the entire facility reserved just for us from 6:30 PM-8 PM. Plan to come out to cool off with your friends.

Presbytery Administrative Office Moves to Westminster

The Homestead Presbytery Administrative office has moved to Westminster. With due diligence, our hosting one office space for administration was approved by Session at our May meeting.

Jes Draper, the Administrative Assistant for Homestead, will be utilizing the office space just off the Westminster library. Her usual hours are M-F 9-4:30 p.m., with flex hours. Make her feel welcome!

If you have any questions about this move, Joyce Douglas (Co-Chair of Homestead's Administrative Committee) or Pastor Chris are happy to discuss them with you!

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Interim Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Carol Boehler, Kim Kubick, Diana Wild, Susan Jackson

Greeters: Karen & Rachel Hoffman

Communion Servers: Ernie Hines, Gary Moulton, Laurie Lofquist, Ray Stevens, Robyn Uebele

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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Week Beginning July 3

<p><u>Sun. (3)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (4)</u> Building closed in observance of the holiday.</p> <p><u>Tues. (5)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Lincoln Library Summer Reading Challenge, Fellowship Hall 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed Committee, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Wed. (6)</u> 9:15 AM Worship Planning via Zoom 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Sat. (9)</u> 12 PM Carol Joy Holling Ropes Course</p> <p><u>Sun. (10)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 26 Giving	\$3,195
YTD Giving	\$309,493
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$285,229