

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“Five Short Variations on NOEL NOUVELET”
by Ste Duckett

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Steve Hughes

*Call to Worship (Psalm 130 adapted)

Deacon April Kaul

One: Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear my voice!

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

All: Then Lord, who could stand?

One: But there is forgiveness with you, O Lord;

All: So that you may be revered!

One: My soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning;

All: More than those who yearn for the morning!

One: We hope in the Lord, for with God there is steadfast
love.

All: With God is great power to redeem!

*Hymn #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Call to Confession

Deacon April Kaul

*Time of Silent Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth as our hope. Still, you love us. Still, there is forgiveness and life with you! We worship you with

hope. Save us and redeem us from sin, O Lord. Create in us clean hearts, compassion for others, and passion to share the hope of life that we have experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Response to the Confession**

#649, v. 1 & 3

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#435

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

***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

Sarah Baltensperger

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Children's Chat or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Audrey Jean Rogers

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the version of the Apostle's Creed found in your bulletins:

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.

Question of the Congregation: Do you, the members of Westminster, promise to love and nurture Audrey, to provide for her Christian Education, and to set an example of faithfulness, to the end that she comes to confess Jesus Christ as Lord?

We do. We welcome you with joy and hope, energy and enthusiasm, laughter and communion, nurture and faith, love and acceptance.

Hymn #188, v.1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Special Music

"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"
traditional Spiritual, arr. Hal Hopson
Sanda Mašić, *flute*, LAMC + Westminster Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Ezekiel 37:1-14 O.T. pg. 806

Special Music

"Lamb of God" by Twila Paris, arr. Don Corcoran
LAMC + Westminster Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-45 N.T. pg. 104
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***



*“I am the vine,
you are the branches . . .”*

The week of March 26, 2023

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

Adult Education Series: "Why Do I Serve? Let Me Tell You My Story."

Sundays at 10:45 AM | Lounge

Today – Fred & Susan Zander and Tom Pappas

Sunday Youth Group | Today | 5 PM

Are you ready for Chopped: The Feeding of the Five Judges Part 2? It is almost time! Bring your kitchen skills and get ready to whip up a masterpiece tonight.

Call for Eggstravaganza Donations

Our annual Eggstravaganza is coming up on April 5 and we can use your help. We are seeking donation bags of candy and/or any other small handouts for the children. Collection buckets are at the East entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

VBS 2023: Make Waves | June 5-9, 9 AM – 12 Noon

It's time to get your kids registered for VBS! Kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to register before June 3 at <https://vbsmate.com/westminsterlincoln>. Registration is \$15/child (\$45 max/family). Adult and youth volunteers are welcome to sign up at the same link.

VBS Supply Donations

If you are interested in donating supplies, we have an Amazon list of supplies we need here <https://tinyurl.com/4zhs59s7>. You are welcome to either buy something from the list or donate anything you might have at home. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-570-0163.

Westminster Foundation

What questions do you have about the Westminster Foundation? Your Foundation trustees have set a goal to communicate regularly with the congregation throughout the church year. Please share your questions with a foundation trustee. We want to be sure we're addressing your questions and look forward to hearing from you.

Westminster Foundation trustees include: Joyce Douglas, Mark Schorr, Pat Leach, Allen Wachter, David Anderson, Erika Schafer, Steve Hughes, Sandi Larson, Greg Hershberger and Jim White.

We Need to Hear from You

To conserve resources, we are updating our mailing list for *The Messenger* and want to know your preferences. We are asking you to choose one of the options below and email your preference to joanne@westminsterlincoln.org by April 25. If we don't hear back from you, we will no longer mail *The Messenger* to you. If you are unable to respond by email, call the church office at 402-475-6702. Please know that you can always be added back to the list by contacting the church office.

1. Send *The Messenger* to my email address, which is:
_____ and discontinue sending it in the mail.
2. I no longer wish to receive *The Messenger*.
3. Continue to mail a paper copy of *The Messenger*.

Reminder about Locking the Church

If you have a key to the east door, and used it to enter the church, please remember to lock again using the key when you leave. Staff members have found the church unlocked several times when no one is in the building. Also, to keep track of who has keys, please send Dennis an email (dennis@westminsterlincoln.org) with the key number, especially if you've had the key for a number of years.

SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP | March 31 Deadline

Full-time undergraduate students and high school seniors are encouraged to apply for Westminster's Swanson Scholarship. Established in 1999 by the Swanson Family, this scholarship provides \$500 financial support per recipient per academic school year.

Applications are available on the church website (<https://westminsterlincoln.org>) under the GIVE tab or in the church office.

Montreat

Middle School Montreat July 19-23

The **Montreat Middle School Conference** is designed for youth who have completed fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grade by the summer of 2023. Youth will engage in faith exploration through the conference theme, igniting a spark, with worship, study, and play. The conference is held at Maryville College, a PC(USA)affiliated private college located in Maryville, TN and will take place July 19-23. More information is available here: <https://montreat.org/events/msc-23>

High School Montreat June 4-August 5

The **Montreat Youth Conference** takes place across 6 weeklong sessions, with the first session starting June 4 and the last session ending August 5, and is intended for youth who have completed ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade by the summer of 2023. This gathering of young people from all over the country is designed to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God in a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. Youth will experience a week of fellowship, worship, and recreation. Additional details are below, complete details are available here <https://montreat.org/events/myc-23>.

Please contact Trish Souliere at trish@westminsterlincoln.org if your child is interested in attending. If we have enough interest, we will look into taking a group.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship | April 2 | 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion | April 6 | 7 PM

Good Friday Worship | April 7 | 7 PM

Easter Sunday Worship | April 9 | 8 AM and 10 AM

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at Villa Amore, 5353 N. 27th St., Tuesday, April 4, at 11:30 AM. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Week Beginning March 26

<p><u>Sun. (26)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Baptism 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Adult Ed., Fred & Susan Zander, Tom Pappas, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 5 PM Youth Group, Chopped</p> <p><u>Mon. (27)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Reading the Bible in a Year, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge</p> <p><u>Tues. (28)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Wed. (29)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5 PM Ladies' Night Out 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (2)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Palm/Passion Sunday 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:30 AM Cinnamon rolls, Garden Room 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 12	\$13,999
YTD Giving	\$225,753

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

joanne@westminsterlincoln.org

402-475-6702

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh0s_z2jgkVzHETwungAAfaEa-vENwoCR