

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



June 11, 2023

Proper 5

The Meaning of Our Calling II

Prelude

"Children of the Heavenly Father" by Robert Hobby

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 33:1-5)** Deacon Carolyn Harp

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

All: Sing to God a new song!

One: For the word of the Lord is upright,

All: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

One: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

***Hymn #157**

I Danced in the Morning

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

***Response to the Confession**

#437

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#654

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

***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

Sacrament of Baptism Beau Griffin Knudson & Willa Rae Knudson

Apostles' Creed (Modern Version)

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

Elder: Do you, the members of Westminster, promise to love and nurture Beau and Willa, to provide for their Christian Education, and to set an example of faithfulness, to the end that they come to confess Jesus Christ as Lord?

All: We do. Beau and Willa, we welcome you with joy and hope, energy and enthusiasm, laughter and communion, nurture and faith, love and acceptance.

Hymn #486, v. 1 & 4

***Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.
Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;
trust and love God more than all.***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Old Testament Lesson	Hosea 5:15-6:6	O.T. pg. 838
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	N.T. pg. 9

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

Sermon "Being Called in Mercy Means Being Called to Love"
Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

"Walk in Peace" by Lowell Prescott
Tatiana Eskridge, *soprano*; Jeremy Duck, *tenor*

Moment of Gratitude

Prayers of the People

Deacon Carolyn Harp

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 #720

Jesus Calls Us

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"O Blessed Spring" by Robert Bucklee Farley

"O Blessed Spring" is a hymn by contemporary poet Susan Palo Cherwien. The text parallels the seasons of human life with the seasons of nature. It isn't included in our hymnal, but you can find the hymn text online.

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

Today's liturgy (our words in worship) come from The Presbyterian Outlook's Order of Worship for June 11, 2023, written by Rev. Ginna Bairby, Pastor, First Presbyterian, Taos Mexico.

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 red Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and near the top of the stairs in the sanctuary on the Garden Room / South side. Look for the red baskets and signs that read "Giving Basket." Ushers monitor the baskets and collect the offerings following the service. **For online giving,** scan the QR code.

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Carolyn Harp

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood,
Barbara Wright-Chollet

Greeters: Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Josh Whitfield

Dishwashers: Lisa and Steve McConnell

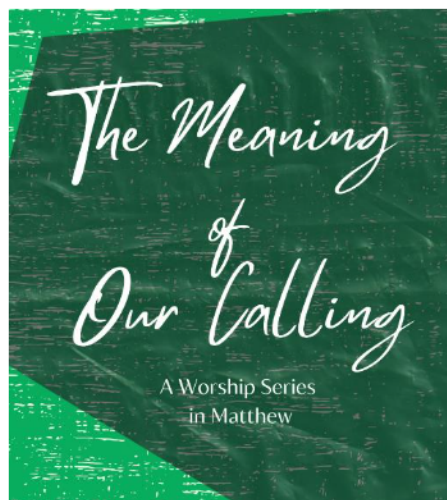




*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of June 11, 2023

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



"Jesus sent his followers with particular tasks and a calling to 'make disciples, baptize, and teach.' But what does that mean for us in 2023?!? This June in worship we'll explore the question of the meaning of our calling as disciples today, using stories from the gospel of Matthew as our guide. This summer, let's dig into discipleship because worship is always in

season!" --Pastor Chris on our June worship series

The Meaning of Our Calling: A Worship Series in Matthew

- June 11 Being Called in Mercy Means Being Called to Love
- June 18 A Plentiful Harvest Means Plenty of Work
- June 25 Speaking Jesus Means Speaking Boldly

Another Cup?

Richard informs us that there is enough of the direct trade Café Con Amor coffee left for another week or two, so enjoy! There have been many compliments about this "taste of justice"—and questions! Yes, it is available for you to purchase yourself, at Cultiva Espresso on 11th Street. And our Mission and Outreach and Church Life Committees are interested in your opinions about ordering some more for Westminster.

Adult Education in June

Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn will help us explore the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*. Discover how the Church has grappled with issues over the centuries. We'll meet each Sunday in June at 10:45 AM in the Lounge.

June 11 The Reformation Confessions and Catechism

June 18 Confessions During Conflict – Westminster and Barmen

June 25 Recent Confessions – C. '67, Brief Statement of Faith, & Belhar

Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS

Please help the Mission/Outreach team fill the big tote near the 27th street entry. For June we will be collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS. You are welcome to make a full kit or simply bring items which will be used to build a kit. The need is great. Please give generously!

1 - hand towel 15" X 28" to 16" X 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)

1 - washcloth

1 - sturdy wide tooth comb with 6 inches of teeth

1 - finger or toenail clipper

1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 - toothbrush (in original packaging)

10 - Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the kit.

Gallon plastic bags with zipper closure.

Your check is always welcome as well. Please make your check payable to Westminster and write PDA kits in the memo line.

Attention Gardeners and Butterfly Lovers

At 9 AM, the morning of Thursday, June 22, Westminster will plant a pollinator garden at the little park on the corner of Normal and South Streets. The occasion is a celebration of International

Pollinator Week and will include a short proclamation by the Lincoln Parks Department. Ready to dig in? Look for more information on the sign-up sheet in the Garden Room or contact the church office at 402-475-6702.

New Member Sunday – June 25

Wish to join Westminster? We'll welcome New Members in worship on Sunday, June 25. Questions or wish to learn more about this opportunity? Contact Pastor Chris at chris@westminsterlincoln.org. Membership information is available in the rack at the East entry and on our website at: <https://westminsterlincoln.org/membership-at-westminster/>. A "Westminster Welcome" learning session will be scheduled based on the availability of those planning to join.

Save the Date: Westminster at the Movies

June 25, 1 PM | Joyo Theater | 6102 Havelock Avenue

Westminster has reserved the entire Joyo theater to watch the 1993 movie "The Sandlot." The Sandlot takes place in the summer of 1962, when a new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy. You are all invited to join us on June 25 at 1 PM at the Joyo. Refreshments are available for purchase.

Bag Lunch Book Discussion with Pastor Chris



**Join us
Tuesday, June 20th
WPC Library at Noon**



**Bag Lunch Book
Discussion with
Pastor Chris**
*Growing Young: 6
Essential
Strategies to Help
Young People
Discover and Love
Your Church*

Growing Young Bag Lunch Reading Schedule at Noon

June 20: Chapters 7-8 + Appendix

Week Beginning June 11

<p><u>Sun. (11)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship with Baptisms 10:45 AM Adult Education, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (12)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Reading Bible in a Year, Library 5 PM Church Life, Library 5:30 PM Worship & Music, Lounge 6 PM Children & Youth, Zoom</p> <p><u>Tues. (13)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Library Summer Events, FH 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 6 PM Building and Grounds, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Wed. (14)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge</p> <p><u>Thurs. (15)</u> 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Sat. (17)</u> Sudanese Wedding, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (18)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship with Baptism 10:45 AM Adult Education 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>
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Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>

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