

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



June 18, 2023

Proper 6

## The Meaning of Our Calling III

**Prelude** Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” by Janet Linker

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

**\*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 100)** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Let all creation sing with gladness;

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

One: Come and abide with the One who formed us;

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

One: Give thanks, and praise, and bless God’s name;

**All: Make a joyful noise to God!**

**\*Hymn #39** **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation.*

*We confess that we have grown weary of waiting.*

*We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world. We cry out for justice if it doesn’t cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation as long as it doesn’t affect the freedoms that we value most. Forgive us, we pray.*

*Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes.*

*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**

Trish Souliere

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Kaden James Ediger

**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 Kaden, to provide for his Christian Education, and to set an example of faithfulness, to the end that he comes to confess Jesus Christ as Lord?

***All: We do. Kaden, 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**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:14

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

### **Sermon**

“A Plentiful Harvest Means Plenty of Work”

Rev. Chris Peters

### **Special Music**

"Go Light Your World" by Chris Rice

arr. by Allen Pote

Westminster Choir Sextet

### **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Chris Peters

### **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 #796**

## **We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” by Janet Linker

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\*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 18, 2023, written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg, VA

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

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Robyn Uebele, Leslie Miner, Carol Shelbourn

**Greeters:** Carol and Jim Bishop

**Dishwashers:** Beth and Kris Anderzhon



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

**The week of June 18, 2023**

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

Coming Up...

June 18  
"A Plentiful Harvest Means  
Plenty of Work"  
(Matthew 9:35-10:14)

June 25  
"Speaking Jesus Means  
Speaking Boldly"  
(Jeremiah 20:7-13 &  
Matthew 10:24-39)

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### **The Meaning of Our Calling: A Worship Series in Matthew**

June 18    *A Plentiful Harvest Means Plenty of Work*

June 25    *Speaking Jesus Means Speaking Boldly*

### **What to Expect in Worship: Sunday, June 25**

On June 25, we continue our series, *The Meaning of Our Calling* with a prophetic word from **Jeremiah 20:7-13** and another challenging teaching by Jesus, found in **Matthew 10:24-39**. We'll find that, even when it's beyond our comfort zones, "Speaking Jesus Means Speaking Boldly." Hymns are *Lift High the Cross* and *Take Up Your Cross, Your Savior Said* (do you sense the theme!?). We'll also celebrate a baptism and welcome new members!

## **VBS: Make Waves**

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made Vacation Bible School amazing last week! It was a great week! Thanks also to all the kids who joined us in having fun and learning about God.

## **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 18 Confessions During Conflict – Westminster and Barmen

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

## **Chevo, Coffee Farmer**

Chevo is one of the most dedicated and hardworking people you will ever find. He has over 40 years of experience and takes pride in producing some of Costa Rica's finest coffee. But before Café Con Amor and the direct sourcing of the Farmers Project he had never tasted a cup of the coffee grown and nurtured with his own hands. This morning he shares that pleasure with you! Enjoy your cup of ethical coffee.

## **Bless Those Bees and Butterflies!**

80% of food crops grown around the world depend on the service of pollinators. But these little creatures need and deserve specific nutrition. Help Westminster plant a pollinator garden at the corner of Normal and South, gathering at 9 AM on Thursday, June 22. Lincoln Parks Department will be issuing a proclamation about International Pollinator Week, and there may be donuts. Get more information and sign up at the tall table in the Garden Room.

## **Prairie Readers | June 21 at 1 PM | Lounge**

The selection for June is *Still Life* by Sarah Winman. Our facilitator is Barbara Schliesser.

## **Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS**

Please help the Mission/Outreach team fill the big tote near the 27th street entry. For June we are 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! Your check is always welcome as well. Please make your check payable to Westminster and write PDA kits in the memo line.

## **New Member Sunday – June 25**

Wish to join Westminster? We'll welcome New Members in worship next Sunday, June 25. Questions or wish to learn more about this opportunity? Contact Pastor Chris at [chris@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto: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.

## **Westminster at the Movies**

On **June 25 at 1 PM** at the Joyo Theater (6102 Havelock Ave.), plan to spend the afternoon watching 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. We have invited the congregation from Good Shepherd to join us and it should be a fun afternoon. Refreshments are available for purchase.

## **Anniversary Celebration, 50 Years!!**

### **Friday, July 7, 2023 | 2 to 5 PM**

You are invited to help Steve & Susie celebrate their 50th Anniversary! Mark your calendars and join us for an Open House reception honoring Steve and Susie Hughes in 50 years of marriage at The Museum of American Speed, located at: 599 Oakcreek Drive, Lincoln, NE. Come help us celebrate with cake. The Museum will be open for you to enjoy the various cars and antique displays.

*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

The **Church office will be closed** on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day holiday.

### **Week Beginning June 18**

<p><b><u>Sun. (18)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship with Baptism 10:45 AM Adult Education, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (19)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Reading Bible in a Year, Library</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (20)</u></b> 10 AM Library Fun Day, East Parking Lot 10:30 AM Stewardship and Finance, Library 12 Noon <i>Growing Young</i> Bag Lunch Discussion, Library 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (21)</u></b> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (22)</u></b> 9 AM Help Plant a Pollinator Garden</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (25)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship with Baptism, New Members 10:45 AM Adult Education, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 1 PM Westminster at the Movies: <i>The Sandlot</i>, Joyo Theater</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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