

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Wandering Heart

A Lenten Series



'And I Hope' by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Ink on paper.

Prelude

“Easter Celebration” by Joel Raney
(organ and brass)

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Choral Introit

“Hope is Alive!” by Diana Blum and Marty Funderburk

*Waypoints on the Journey: Sunrise

8 am Deacon Kathy Phillip
10 am Stephanie & Jim Laux, Sydney Laux, Izzy Frana and Easton Frana

***Invitation to Worship** (Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC |
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8 am Deacon Kathy Phillip
10 am Stephanie & Jim Laux, Sydney Laux, Izzy Frana and Easton Frana

One: I cannot stay away on Easter Morning. Like Peter, I would run if I could.

All: Stop the car, pump my arms, take the church steps two at a time, all to know— Did it happen? Did it really happen? Is evil no match for love?

One: I'd slide down the center aisle. I'd grab the mic to ask the angels, the heavens, the children, “Were the stories true?”

All: And in response, the choir would sing, “Alleluia.” The children would smile at the flowers. The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled away. The people would pass the peace, and welcome strangers, and make room in the pews.

One: And with faith over doubt, I would hope.

All: For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness would be enough for Peter, and it would be enough for me.

*Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Time of Silent Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of life, the stone is rolled away! Still, we assume it is a mistake. The angels say, “He is not here!” Still, we assume their news is fake. The women tell the story, but we do not want to hear it. Peter runs to the tomb, but we do not understand. Forgive us, God, for thinking the empty tomb brings hope one day a year rather than the hope it brings for our whole lives. Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and bringing justice and peace to our world today. Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief. Amen.

***Response to Confession #475 (verse 1) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

We pour water into the baptismal font at this time as a sign of our renewal in baptism and in confession. It is a visual reminder of the Nicene Creed's affirmation, "I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins," and Romans 5:5 that promises, "God's love is being poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."

...Believe and share the good news! ***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

***Response of Praise #826 (verse 1)**

Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

10 am Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Prophets

Isaiah 25:6-9

O.T. pg. 652

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

N.T. pg. 90

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

Sermon

"And I Hope . . ."

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #238**

Thine Is the Glory

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

"Here is Hope" from Rob Gardner's *Lamb of God*

Prayers of the People

8 am Deacon Kathy Phillip
10 am 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.

*Hymn #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Toccata” from *Symphonie No. 5* by C-M. Widor (organ and brass)

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

Today's liturgy, or words for worship, are adapted from “Wandering Heart Words for Worship: Easter Sunday” by A Sanctified Art LLC (sanctifiedart.org).

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 near the top of the stairs in the sanctuary on the Garden Room / South side. Look for the 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

Interim Music Director: Mary Young **Organist:** John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Acolytes: 10 am Collins Larson, Revan McCune

Liturgist: 8 am Deacon Kathy Phillip, 10 am Deacon April Kaul

Waypoints on the Journey: 8 am Deacon Kathy Phillip,

10 am Stephanie & Jim Laux, Sydney Laux, Izzy Frana and Easton Frana

Greeters: 8 am David & Kathy Anderson, 10 am Janice Rohwedder

Ushers: 8 am Robyn Uebele, April Douglas, Glenna & Gary Haller; 10 am Erika Schafer

Dishwashers: Sue Shamblin & Maureen Hergert





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

The week of Mar. 31, 2024

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

Easter Sunday, 8 & 10 AM, Sanctuary

Luke 24:1-12 “And I Hope”

“Christ is risen! Alleluia!” is our song of praise on Easter, but on the first Easter there was a mix of uncertainty and caution amongst moments of praise. Considering the disciple Peter this Easter, can we be people who will run toward hope – toward the empty tomb, even after our own biggest failures, losses and fears? On Easter, the empty tomb, the discovery by the women, and Peter’s rush to see it all show that we can always begin again, too.

Easter Sunday Cinnamon Roll and Fruit Social will be held between the worship services today in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Easter Bulletin Art Artist Statement

“Where?” by Hannah Garrity

“But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened” (Luke 24:12).

Painted in ink on paper, Peter’s expression here is inquisitive with a touch of concern. He’s tired, but hopeful. He has just gotten amazing news. Joanna, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James relayed the message and Peter dared to believe it. The prophecy is coming true.

As I was imagining my pieces for this series, I immediately saw the emotions of the human experience reflected in Peter’s story. In order to share the energy and perspective of each emotion, I chose to brush ink on paper. On this Easter Sunday, Peter’s face peers through the sketched frame holding both a full expression and tension. Intentionally loose, the brush strokes suggest a face in motion—a glance, the beginnings of joy written in the depths of the eye, the twitch of a smile.

Jesus is risen! Peter is here for it!

Used Sneaker/Sock Collection

Green at Heart has discovered two separate programs which collect used sneakers and used socks to keep these out of landfills. The sneaker program re-sells. The sock program recycles. There is a collection box for both of these in the east entry, north alcove where Styrofoam was collected the past few months. Check your closets and bring them in!

VBS 2024: Hero Hotline

Called together to serve God

June 3-7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Ages 4 years to Grade 5

It is time to register for VBS! Sign your children up to enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

We will be collaborating with Good Shepherd Presbyterian again this year, but sessions will take place at Westminster, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard. Registration is \$10/child (\$30 max/family) before May 31. Register now at <https://westminster-presbyterian.mycokesburyvbs.com/>.

Adults and youth are also invited to become heroes with the kids. Whatever your interest or gift is, we have a place for you! You can build sets, create science/craft projects before VBS, work directly with the kids, provide materials, serve snacks, perform skits, or something else entirely. Sign-up at <https://westminster-presbyterian.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or contact Trish Souliere at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or at 402-475-6702 to explore the options.

Wednesday Night LiNK

Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM for an evening of food, fun, and friends. We gather at 5:30 PM and eat dinner at 5:45. At 6:15, children and youth from nursery age through high school will meet to explore the Bible, engage in discussions, and have fun.

Lunch Bunch in April

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, April 2, 11:30 A.M., at Mi Tierra, 84th & Holdrege. This is our second time at this location. They have lots of room and easy parking. RSVP to 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Lincoln Children's Museum

From treetops to airplane runways, to lunar landscapes, there is no destination too high or too far that can't be reached through the power of play! The Lincoln Children's Museum provides limitless possibilities to create, explore, and learn to children of all ages. The Westminster Children and Youth Committee and the Westminster Preschool invite you to join your friends for a night of fun at the Lincoln Children's Museum on April 25, 5:30 PM -7:30 PM; we will have the whole facility reserved just for us. Space is limited so if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or sarah@westminsterlincoln.org.

Faith and Cancer Support Group

Finding Comfort and Peace after the diagnosis of cancer is often very difficult to say the least. However, sharing that uneasy feeling with others who have been on that journey can be a surprising and helpful new dimension. Here at Westminster Presbyterian Church our support group is based on three specific features: sharing laughter, sharing burdens, and sharing blessings. We meet in the library at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Contact Bruce Sheffield at (402) 783-0394.

Week Beginning March 31

<p><u>Sun. (Mar. 31) Easter Sunday</u> 8 AM Easter Worship, Sanctuary 9:15 AM Cinnamon Roll and Fruit Social, Fellowship Hall 10 AM Easter Worship, Sanctuary 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (Apr. 1)</u> Church is closed for staff holiday. No meetings will be held at the church. 7 PM PW Circle #4</p> <p><u>Tues (Apr. 2)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Education, Conference Room</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Apr. 3)</u> 10 AM PW Circle #3, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLink, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sat. (Apr. 6)</u> 10:30 AM Memorial Service and Reception for Ginger Nissen</p> <p><u>Sun. (Apr. 7)</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Communion/ Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 10:45 AM Confirmation, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6 PM Youth Group</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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Easter Lilies 2024

Donations for Easter lilies are given by the following members and friends:

In loving memory of Noreen Amend, by Herb, Cori, Michael, Shawn & Kelly

In loving memory of Noreen Amend, by Ashley, Chelsea, Bailey, Jagger, Stephanie, Ansley & Ryder & Great

Grandchildren Crew & Dylan

In loving memory of Karen Arunski, by David & Barbara Arunski

In honor of Charlotte Campbell in her 104th year, by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell

In loving memory of our son, Mark, by Becky & Bob Bockrath

In loving memory of Randy Burbach, by Kay & Kelly Burbach and Family

In loving memory of Randy Burbach, by Deb & Don Schleining

In honor of Family, by Emma Braswell and Turner Burbach

In honor of Linda Burchard and the PW Coordinating Team, by Eliza V. Sams

In loving memory of Judy Buss (April's mother), by Justin, April, Alexandra & Jacquelyn Douglas

In loving memory of Dr. Henry Cech, by Lesley & Kent Jagers and Sydney & Steve Uthoff

In loving memory of Robert C. (Bob) Dawson, by Nancy Dawson

In loving memory of Jud Douglas, by Joyce Douglas

In loving memory of Vernon & Elnor Dunn, by Ray & Karen Stevens

In loving memory of Chip Hackley, by Pat Hackley

In honor of Pat Hackley and PW Circle 5, by Eliza V. Sams

In loving memory of Rev. Roger Harp, by Carolyn Harp

In loving memory of Alice Hollestelle, mother of Cliff Hollestelle, and Dorothy Lee, mother of Marcia Hollestelle, by Cliff & Marcia Hollestelle

In loving memory of Macy Michelle Jagers, by Lesley, Kent & Kyle Jagers and Avery, Myles, Rowan & Reese Eklund

In loving memory of Ted Maude, by the Maude/Christensen Family

In loving memory of Bernie & Marylu Nider and Don Kreiter, by Susie Kreiter; Chris Nider; Laurie, Andy, Natasha, Maggie & Travis Glenn; Julie, Joe, Josh, Rachael & Jason Madsen; Pat & Natalie Nider

In loving memory of Gerald Myers, by Ray & Karen Stevens

In loving memory of my father, Bill Newson, and stepmother, Joan Newson, by Jim & Dorothy Smiley

In loving memory of Thomas Olson and Jo Waddell, by Cynthia Olson

In loving memory of our parents, Steve & Lala Owen and Robert & Nell McKee, by Bill & Robin Owen

In honor of Pastor Jimmy, by Eliza V. Sams

In loving memory of Karen Paulson, by Kent & Jaime Hemmerling

In loving memory of Leo & Zetta Phillip and Ray & Helen Matulka, by Kathy Phillip

In loving memory of Ted Schirmer, by Regi Schirmer & Family

In loving memory of my dad, Tom Blair, by Deb Schorr

In loving memory of Ray & Mary Esther Stevens, by Ray & Karen Stevens

In loving memory of our parents and in honor of our family, by Stan & Gwen Thorpe

In loving memory of James & Nancy Weesner, by Amy & Tim Clare & Family

In loving memory of our parents, George & Eloise Jacobs and Tom & Margie Welstead, by Tom & Janell Welstead

In loving memory and appreciation of Jeannie & Bus Whitehead, by Sydney & Steve Uthoff; Brittany & Matt Goldberg; Lesley, Kent & Kyle Jagers; Avery, Myles, Rowan & Reese Eklund; and Mark, Chris, Maddie & Katie Whitehead

In loving memory of Mary Garrison Wright, Lucile Garrison, Ed & Polly Mullowney and Loylyn Hindman, by Don & Dianna Wright

In loving memory of Dale & Norma Young, by Shalla Young & Phil Young

Donations made to one of the WPC Endowment Funds:

In loving memory of our parents, Isaac T. Avery, Jr. & Caroline L. Avery and Roland Campbell (Mission & Outreach), by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell

In loving memory of Gwen Cooper (Music & Worship), by Jimmy & Carol Shelbourn

In loving memory of Rev. Lynn Davis and our son, Leigh Davis (Mission & Outreach), by Rev. Ellen Davis

In loving memory of Jud Douglas (Facilities), by Joyce Douglas

In honor of my granddaughter, Rachel Hoffman (Education), by Carolyn Harp

In honor of my children, Karen Hoffman and Phil Whitmarsh (Mission & Outreach), by Carolyn Harp

In loving memory of our mothers, Genevieve Oneth and Rachel Janovy (Education), by Karen & John Janovy, Jr.

In loving memory of our parents, Steve & Lala Owen and Robert & Nell McKee (Facilities), by Bill
& Robin Owen

In honor of those serving on Mission & Outreach (Mission & Outreach), by Gary & Glenna Haller