

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday



Prelude

“Come, Let Us Eat” by Frank Ferko
Liberian communion hymn

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Choral Introit

Uyai Mose (arr. Kevin Holland)
Westminster Choir

Come all you people
Come praise your maker
Come now and worship the Lord

***Call to Worship** (from the Iona Abbey Community)

Elder Karen Hoffman

One: The God of heaven has made a home on Earth,
Many: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least,
Many: Christ journeys with both accepted and rejected; Christ welcomes the weary.

One: Come now all who thirst,
Many: And drink the water of life.

One: Come now all who hunger,
Many: And be filled with good things.

One: Come now all who seek,
Many: And be welcomed by the community of Christ.

***Hymn #19**

God of Great and God of Small

***Call to Confession**

Elder Karen Hoffman

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

***Response to Confession #437**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Elder Karen Hoffman

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 #591**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Share a sign of welcome and inclusion (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors. We pass Christ's peace to one another and to those viewing on live stream.

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

Children's Chat

Elder Karen Hoffman

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to either come to Faith Village for a Bible lesson, friendship, and fun 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. Faith Village is located through the door to the right of the East entry steps.)

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Chris Peters

Scripture

Psalm Reading

Psalm 8

O.T. pg. 492

Hebrew Scriptures

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

N.T. pg. 218

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

Sermon

“Imprint”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn**

To Christ Our Hearts Now Given

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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.

Sanctus (Spoken During Prayer)

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

Music During Communion

“Consecration” arr. Craig Courtney
Josh Warner, soloist

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn #598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Listen, God Is Calling” by Anne Krentz Organ
Traditional Tanzanian song

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

The flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Hayes by his wife, Helen Hayes and their daughter, Janet Hayes.

Today’s Call to Worship is adapted from *The Alternative Opening Response for The Service of Welcome* from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. The Prayer of Confession comes from PCUSA World Communion Sunday Liturgy (2016), while the invitation to confession and assurance of pardon are from the Presbyterian Outlook Order of Worship for October 6, 2024, by Rev. Stephanie Sorge, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg, VA. Pastor Jimmy wrote the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. All kids and their families are welcome to pick up a blue Children’s Worship Bag in the narthex (Sheridan Blvd. foyer). If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our **Infant Room** is available. This is at the north end of the Narthex.

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

Liturgist: Elder Karen Hoffman

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

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kathy & David Anderson

Ushers: Debra Schleining, Diana Wild, David Anderson

Dishwasher: Kelly Braswell-Burbach & Dorrie Gage

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: Ray Stevens, Joan Roberts, Jim Hlava, Karen Hoffman, Susie Hughes





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

The week of Oct. 6, 2024

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

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate our oneness in Christ with disciples around the world! Next Sunday we begin a new series, leading toward a special event on the weekend of November 9-10.



A worship and sermon series reminding us of the goodness of God and our active role in God's world!

“A better story of faith exists, and it has the capacity to heal the world—if we only embrace, articulate, and live it more courageously.” Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, author and pastor, will be teaching and preaching at Westminster on Nov. 9-10.

Sunday **10/13** - *A Few Words about the Creator and Us*

Sunday **10/20** - *A Few Words about the Spirit and Us*

Sunday **10/27** - *A Few Words about Jesus and Us*

Sunday **11/3** - *A Few Words about the Good News and Us*

Saturday **11/9** - Community-Wide Event featuring Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Author and Pastor (9:30a.m. - 2:00p.m. at Westminster)

Sunday **11/10** - Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow Preaching and leading Adult Education hour at Westminster

The upcoming Sunday Adult Ed schedule:

Oct. 6: Rachel Gibson from the Nebraska League of Women Voters will explain the upcoming Nebraska ballot initiatives.

On Nov. 5, Nebraskans will have the opportunity to vote on several important Ballot Initiatives. Three initiatives have been certified for the ballot, a paid sick leave program and two competing abortion initiatives. There is also the potential of three more, two on marijuana legalization and regulation and one on publicly funded private school scholarships. Rachel Gibson, current Vice President of Action for the League of Women Voters Nebraska, will present a non-partisan review of the Ballot Initiatives – what they state, what they are meant to do, and potential implications. Rachel has served as the Director of Education Policy in addition to working on the Fair Maps Redistricting Committee and the Social Policy Action Team. She spent 10 years as an advisor, educator, and program coordinator in higher education at the University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and Creighton University. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration, both from the University of Kansas.

Westminster Cabaret for a Cause, Sun., Oct. 6 at 2 PM

Join us for an afternoon of music and entertainment featuring some of Lincoln's brightest musical stars! Admission is **FREE** and open to the public. In lieu of a ticket charge, we kindly suggest donations to our Westminster Food Pantry. Help us support our community by bringing food items that can make a difference! Let's come together for an afternoon of music, community, and giving back. We can't wait to see you there!

Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends. The coffee you enjoy during the fellowship hour is also Equal Exchange.

By choosing the Equal Exchange brand, we are making a strong statement about our values as a community.

Available for Purchase: We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour after services on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to making these products available.

Landscaping Sign-Up

This is the link to sign-up to do a project that will beautify the church grounds—

<https://t.ly/AF00-> Your help is needed and appreciated. Questions? Contact Gary Haller (817-757-2980) or Tom Pappas (402-202-4454).

Presbyterian Women (PW) is on the MOVE with LOVE

- Continue to fill the Lincoln Hygiene Network barrel by the east entrance stairs.
- All hands on deck for the **Service of Service** on October 20.
- PW Presbytery Hybrid FALL GATHERING--Lincoln First Presbyterian on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:00-Noon
- Contribute to the THANK OFFERING for national and global health-related projects and initiatives that help families.
135 years of giving for over 1,600 projects
8 projects funded this year including one in our Synod

Do EVERYTHING in LOVE



October Prairie Readers

Prairie readers will meet on October 16 at 1 PM in the Lounge. We all look forward to this special event in our yearly calendar. Pat Leach will be our guest and will review selected titles from the Notable Books List created by the American Library Association. Everyone is welcome!

Spooktacular | October 30

Spooktacular is coming soon, and we need your help! There are two main ways you can contribute.

1. First, we are looking for donation bags of candy, crackers, packaged snacks, and/or any small handouts for our stations to distribute to the children.
2. Or, if you are feeling more adventurous and creative, consider hosting a trunk of your own. What does that mean? It involves decorating your car trunk with a fun theme and *maybe* even dressing up in a costume. On October 30, you will bring your trunk to Westminster and pass out treats to the children. As a thank you, we will provide one meal for each trunk.

Please note: plan to arrive by 4:30-5 pm to find a spot and put the finishing touches on your decorations.

If you can host a trunk or have questions, contact Sarah Baltensperger at sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com or Stacy Graham at babyruth19@hotmail.com.

Bible Study on Environmental Justice

October's Environmental Justice action is centered on reverence for the land. Sometime this month go outside and treat yourself to twenty minutes of experiencing gratitude and awe. And if it feels good, tell someone about it.

Week Beginning Oct. 6

Sun. (Oct. 6)

9:30 AM Worship, Communion,
Peace Offering, Faith Village
10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge
12 Noon Sudanese Worship
2 PM Music Theatre Cabaret,
Sanctuary

Mon. (Oct. 7)

11 AM Explorers Bible Study,
Library
6:30 PM PW Circle #4, Lounge
6 :30 PM Den Meeting, Scouts

Tues. (Oct. 8)

9:45 AM Staff Meeting
10 AM PW Circle #5, Lounge
4 PM Stewardship & Finance, Lib.
5 PM Personnel, Zoom
5 PM Building & Grounds, Lounge
5 PM Church Life, Library
5:30 PM Worship & Music, FH
6 PM A & P, Conference Room
6 PM Mission & Outreach,
Lounge
6:30 PM Children & Youth, Zoom

Wed. (Oct. 9)

1:30 PM Hearts and Hands
4:30 PM Found. Marketing, Lib.
4:30 PM Found. Finance, Lounge
5 PM Foundation Board Meeting,
Lounge
6 PM W3 (Welcome to
Westminster on Wednesdays),
Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary

Thurs. (Oct. 10)

6:30 PM Scout Committee
Meetings, Youth Cafe
7 PM Lincoln Continentals
Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Fri., (Oct. 11)

10 AM Dixie Strauss Memorial
Service, Chapel

Sun. (Oct. 13)

9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village
10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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