

**Presbytery of Central Nebraska  
Morning Worship  
Saturday, October 24, 2020**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 67:1-7)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us  
**so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, God;

**may all the peoples praise you.**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, God;

**may all the peoples praise you.**

The land yields its harvest;

**God, our God, blesses us.**

May God bless us still,

**so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Passing the Peace**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most Loving Father, we confess that we have strayed so very far from your words and your call to be a people who seek to live for the pure joy of sharing your peace and mercy with a lost and broken world. We have become selfish instead of giving, we have used our words to divide rather than to gather. We have forgotten the greatest commandment, that you Jesus have called us to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' And to 'Love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus have mercy on us. In penitence and faith, we humbly confess our sins to you Almighty God. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8) I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **AMEN!**

**Offering**

“Nebraskans in Motion for Mission”

Sharon Rees

**Special Music**

Logan & Erin Ellis

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**                      1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**Sermon**                                      *"Because You Are Dear to Us".*                      Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri  
Past Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018)

**Musical Response**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

El Señor esté con ustedes. Y también contigo.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Levantemos nuestros corazones. Los levantamos al Señor.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Dar gracias y alabanzas es digno y justo.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Blessing and Charge**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Alleluia!

Que el Señor te bendiga y te guarde. Que el Señor sea bondadoso contigo y te llene de su gracia. Que el Señor te mire con agrado, y te de paz. ¡Aleluya!

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(Order of Worship by David Gambrell; All liturgical texts are from the Book of Common Worship (WJK,2018); see pp. xviii–xxvi, 28, 61, 62, 70, 118, 124–125, 319, 352, 368, 468, 477–478.)

## **Preacher for the October 24, 2020 Presbytery Meeting**

**Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri** is an educator and a Presbyterian Ruling Elder. Ordained for 26 years, she has served in the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the Session, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels.

Vilmarie holds a B.A. in Education (ESL) and a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Teaching. She has taught English and English as a Second Language to teenage and adult students from all over the world. A member of First Spanish Presbyterian Church in Miami, FL, Vilmarie also served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida (2017). Among her current ventures, she is a member of the presbytery's Leadership Council and is the Conference Administrator of a CREDO team, a program of the Board of Pensions. Along with Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Vilmarie served as co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

