

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

Freedom Jazz Dance - Eddie Harris

Words of Welcome / Announcements

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron / Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Chris Gilmore

Hymn #518:

This is the Day of New Beginnings

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Chris Gilmore

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Refection:

Both Sides, Now - Joni Mitchell

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Smile - Charles Chaplin

Countryside Blessing

Kyle Barchus

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Julia Olynyk, vocalist - Matt Wallace, sax
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass



August 14, 2022
Disturbing the Peace
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Who We Are:

We are an inclusive, open and affirming family of faith, welcoming all to God's table of love and acceptance.

We are diverse, yet united by Christ's example.

We care for one another, support one another and challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

We work together to nurture our community and to promote peace, equality and justice in our conflicted world.

Music Notes:

Eddie Harris's *Freedom Jazz Dance* is only one chord the entire song. While the melody is chromatic and takes the listener outside of the chord, what makes this piece interesting is each player's unique addition of dissonance (playing outside the chord) and tension underneath the surface of the music, navigating in and out of the harmony.

One of her first major hits, Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides, Now* examines the good and bad in life from multiple perspectives. Written during a particularly tough time in her life emotionally, her lyrics convey a holistic worldview, using a couple of examples, the first being clouds. Viewed from the ground versus from an airplane - two very different beautiful occurrences - a puffy bed below versus an ominous expanse that blocks the sun. She alludes to clouds as symbolic of depression. Another example is the ebb and flow of friendship in the midst of shifting personalities, with fractures percolating under the surface.

"I've looked at clouds from both sides now. From up and down, and still somehow it's cloud illusions I recall, I really don't know clouds at all."

Brian Wren's hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings*, while written for a New Year's service, doesn't really have anything to do with beginnings as milestones. In fact, a close reading of the text reveals the arbitrary nature of "newness." The new beginnings he alludes to are not new, nor are they beginnings - they are shifts in perspective, informed by faith, acknowledging God's love as empowerment to find hope within the difficulties of life. The first verse is an appeal to lay to rest pain that is gone and the third verse is an appeal to leave behind disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths.

Joys and Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, or a joy you would like to share, or if you would like to be included on the list in the bulletin or be on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Debbie Vihstadt at debbiev@countrysideucc.org or 402-391-0350 or 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

JOYS:

Our Food Pantry (Community Cupboard) not only serves people who come to the church but they also deliver food to people who cannot make it to the church. Thank you to the pantry volunteers and delivery people! People are asking for our food pantry specifically because they love the produce from the Tri-Faith Gardens! (Thanks to Jenn Vinton for this update.)

CONCERNS:

Prayers for **Nancy Davis** as she undergoes surgery for a knee replacement next week. Prayers for a successful surgery and a quick recovery!

Prayers for **Rachel Cohen's** friend who has a heart blockage and just found out that, because of kidney function, she won't be able to undergo a procedure right now to fix her heart. Please pray for this dear woman, to give her strength to get through this and for guidance for her doctors to heal her body. She has adopted two sets of siblings (seven children total) as well as fostering children.

Dee Schlautman had back surgery last week. Please pray the surgery gives her the relief from pain she needs and for a successful recovery.

Marjorie (Glenn) Phillips had foot reconstruction surgery at the end of July. Please pray for a successful outcome for Marjorie, specifically for her foot and ankle, so this surgery can help her hips and knees as well.

Please pray for **Mark Draper** as he rests and recovers. His family appreciates our prayers and would like us to continue to pray for his recovery to good health.

Shannon (Rick) Avard's father passed away on August 9. Please lift the Avard family in prayers of strength and comfort during this very difficult time.

Mike (Jan) Brown continues to progress in the right direction! Please continue to pray for his continued recovery and success.

Thank you for continued prayers for **Leslie Summers-Day's** mother, Suzanne, and brother, Dave, as they continue to battle cancer.

Johnna Roberts asks for prayers for her husband, Greg, and for his health. He's very weak, falls often and has been diagnosed with early dementia. The process of contacting facilities and filling out VA forms has prompted them to get their affairs in order and is exhausting. Johnna also asks for prayers for the strength and energy to be his advocate.

Sharon and Rick Royers's nephew, Michael Clouthier, is completing his 6 weeks of radiation this week and then will be taking a break from treatment. He is doing very well and prayers are much appreciated.

Prayers for everyone dealing with Covid. We pray for everyone's comfort and for all those who have Covid to recover completely.

God of Many Names,

Today we pray for the fruits of the spirit in our new Interim Minister's life—that love, joy, peace, and patience will guide; that kindness and goodness will be companions; that faithfulness will be the motto, and that gentleness and self-control will be evident to all. Help Rev. Dr. Keith Herron to see each person today through Your eyes, and help us to see You in our new pastor. Thank you for sending him to us and show us how we can support and encourage him.

Amen

John 13: 34-35—I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Nursery and Coffee House are available if your small human needs to burn off some energy during the Worship. For other small humans, there are Worship bags and books available. If you have a book suggestion, just let us know!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Deb McCollister.