

# Order of Worship Gathering

Prelude:

Mnicásniyanyanla (Rippling Water) from "Mnicakmun (Sounds of Water)" - William Linthicum-Blackhorse

Words of Welcome / Mission Statement Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship
Diane Hill

### Hearing God's Word

Welcome of New Members Rev. Dr. Keith Herron / Robyn Hubbard

> Children's Moment Rebecca Morello

> > Hymn:

There Will I Be

Scripture

Luke 19: 1-10

Diane Hill

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

God of the Sparrow - Craig Courtney

### Responding to God's Word

Communion / Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn #22:

All Creatures of our God and King

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Stewardship Message

David Ried

Countryside Blessing Jeremy Wadhams

Postlude:

The Great Pumpkin Waltz - Vince Guaraldi

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director
Dr. Christine Beard, flute
Alex Ritter, organ/piano
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass



### 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.

# New Members October 2022

Kelsey Arends and Jan Benitez
Janelle and Mike Baber
Megan Connelly
Autumn and Matt Cox
Linda and Todd Hall
Elizabeth Hansen and John Hewitt
Don and Sarah Rentzel-Jones

Hilary and Ryan Opdahl
David Palmer
Cynthia Pavey
Margie and Glenn Phillips
Kari Randazzo
Kathy and Joe Shotkoski
Metta and Andy West

#### Music notes:

From composer William Linthicum-Blackhorse: "The first movement [of *Mnicakmun*] was written with the total absence of classical triadic harmony. As I continued to write the piece, I began to break free from the strict rules that I set for myself and developed what I believe is a beautiful representation of the different emotions a person experiences in life, using water as the imagery. The title was a last-minute realization that I had written the piece with the Lakota Sioux native flute in mind, so I found it suiting to name the piece and its movements in the Lakota language. The word "Mnicakmun" is both the description and terminology for that sound that water makes when moving over a rocky surface."

## 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 the Office at 402-391-0350 or office@countrysideucc.org

#### JOYS:

**Roger (Judy) Waible** is expressing gratitude for all in our church family who lifted him up in prayer after a recent surgery and also for the thoughts and prayers when he and Judy were struggling with COVID.

The Pastoral Care Board has been reaching out to recent graduates and we received the following note from **Paul Kuyper**. "Thank you so much for the gift card and warm wishes." Please continue to keep our college students in prayer as they navigate college life.

#### **CONCERNS:**

Craig Bartling is recovering at home from heart surgery and would appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Continued prayers please for **Geoff Amstutz** as he moves forward with testing to determine the cause of his recent severe muscle fatigue. He will have a muscle biopsy on November 1 and is hoping for answers soon after. **Adam Witte's** father, Greg Witte, has growths in his brain and around his aorta. Please pray for healing as he begins treatments prescribed by his doctors. He continues to be in good spirits through the diagnosis.

Johnna Roberts's husband Greg is out of Hillcrest Skilled Nursing and at Westgate Assisted Living. He's doing well except for bed sores on his feet which limit his PT but is going to the wound clinic. The goal is to get home when he can walk safely and his balance improves. Please continue to pray for his continuing recovery.

Please pray for **Donna Trombla's** nephew Christopher in California. He had back surgery that left him with some nerve damage and near-constant pain. Please pray that his doctors find an effective treatment soon.

Continue to uplift in prayer members of our congregation who are recovering from recent health conditions: **Matt Stursma**, **Mark Draper**, **Sally Classen**, **Gloria Ried**, **Dee Schlautman and others**. God, we ask you to minister to each of these in our community. May they experience your healing power. Grant them strength as they continue to recover.

Prayers for the people of Haiti, that they may have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and be safe from violence, given the fact that the country worsens every day. We have CCC members with family members in the middle of this struggle.

Please pray for the people of Pakistan. The situation in Pakistan is dire. This summer's monsoon season has dropped nearly triple the average annual rainfall. At its peak, 73% of Pakistan's districts were impacted by flooding. While the waters have receded somewhat, flooding remains in 1/3 of its districts. The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal to support the immediate needs in Pakistan and the long-term recovery of those devastated by these floods. The priority needs of the people are emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, sanitation, and health care. Please pray for the people of Pakistan.

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!